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FAKE CRASH CLAIM CAUGHT ON CCTV

By Rob Cox

AN 'opportunistic' fraudster claimed to have been injured in a crash involving a bus but was thwarted when CCTV footage showed her standing safely on the pavement.

Helen Elcock saw her parked Ford Focus being struck by a bus in Cannock and jumped into the driver's seat to pretend she had been it at the time and was injured, a court heard.

The single mother-of-two tried to sue bus company Arriva for up to £3,000 claiming she had suffered neck and shoulder whiplash injuries in the collision in Hedgesford Road on March 14 last year.

She even deceived a doctor, convincing him she had genuine neck pain which would take four months to heal, a judge was told.

But CCTV footage obtained by Arriva revealed she had been entirely uninjured and was standing safely away from her car when the bus struck. Her personal injury claim was subsequently struck out and Elcock admitted her deceit. Arriva then began contempt of court proceedings against her.

Costs

At Birmingham County Court last week a judge found three separate contempts were proven relating to documents submitted by Elcock to the courts as part of her personal injury claim.

Judge Charles Purle QC sentenced her to a six months jail term, suspended for 12 months.

The court heard Elcock, of Newlands Court, Heath Hayes, had already paid £6,750 for costs relating to the initial personal injury claim. He awarded further costs of £9,412 following the latest proceedings.

Sentencing Elcock, he said: "This woman is guilty of a repeated and continued fraud. This was a deception she maintained over many months. She misled solicitors, medical experts and the courts. The fraud was maintained until the position became untenable."

Mr Corin Furness, acting for Arriva, said: "In the CCTV she is seen to get in her car immediately after the crash takes place. She is sitting with the door open when the bus driver gets out, so the bus driver understands she had been in her car. It was only on seeing the CCTV the facts became clear to those who instruct me."

Miss Amrisha Parathalingam, defending Elcock, said: "She is extremely sorry for what she has done."

REGIMENTAL MASCOT IS TOP OF THE FORM



A class act - Sgt Watchman V, with WO2 Greg Hedges, and pupil Gracie Johnston, aged nine, in one of the new classrooms, during his visit, at St Peter's primary School, Hedgesford

Watchman unveils new classrooms at primary

PUPILS at a primary school in Hedgesford were joined by the Staffordshire Regiment's Mascot to unveil two new classrooms.

Sgt Watchman V was at St Peter's Primary in Reservoir Road to officially open the new year four classrooms.

The Staffordshire bull terrier was joined by handler, Warrant Officer Class 2 Greg Hedges to meet the youngsters in the new rooms - which have been kitted with the latest touch screen technology.

WO2 Hedges spent the afternoon speaking to the children about the history of the Watchman and how to be safe around dogs. Governors were delighted at how the day turned out.

Mobile

The school, which is now rated good after being placed in special measures by Ofsted in 2012, is hoping it will continue to improve and receive an outstanding report during the next inspection.

A recent SIAMS Church of England reported rated the school of 450 pupils as outstanding.

Previously, year four pupils had been taught in mobile classrooms but the computer suite has since been extended, meaning children are now situated in the main school building.

During the redevelopment of the buildings, the project took six months longer than expected after a mining fracture was discovered under one of the buildings.

PLANNING

Homes could be razed for rail hub

ELEVEN homes could be demolished to make way for a proposed rail freight hub at Four Ashes.

Developers are in discussions with homeowners about purchasing their properties so they can be bulldozed as part of plans for the huge warehouse complex.

The multi-million pound scheme would see 700 acres of Staffordshire countryside transformed into a rail terminal with 3,000 lorries a day entering and leaving the site.

In all, 43 existing buildings would be demolished. Gravelly Way Farm - which is located on the site - is proposed to be converted into estate management offices and 'welfare facilities'.

Two homes in Croft Lane would be demolished under plans to create one of two 'community parks'. Four properties on Vicarage Road could be knocked down, along with three on Straight Mile, and one each on Stafford Road and Watling Street. Seven huge electricity pylons that cross the site will also have to be removed as well as 34 wood poles and the overhead line circuits. All electricity supply would be moved underground.

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson said: "This is just another reason to oppose these monstrous proposals."

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Mr Williamson

CHURCH

Bacon butties and bargains at market

CHURCHGOERS can enjoy a bacon sandwich while bagging a bargain this weekend. Stalls including groceries, cakes and local crafts, bric-a-brac, a tombola and raffle feature in a mini-market at Great Wyrley Wesley Methodist on Saturday.

Art group members will display their work, with the option of buying and refreshments will be served. It takes place at the Walsall Road church from 10.30am to noon on Saturday. Admission is free.

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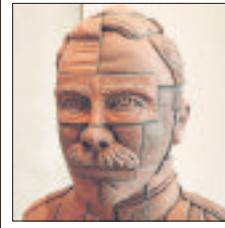
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Battlefield clay sculpture goes on show



The 'everyman' sculpture

A SCULPTURE made out of clay taken from the Passchendaele battlefield site has been unveiled at the National Memorial Arboretum.

Representing soldiers from each side of the conflict, the sculpture is part of the centenary commemorations of the Battle of Passchendaele, one of the most notorious campaigns of the First World War.

Professor Stephen Dixon from Manchester School of Art at Manchester Metropolitan University has crafted an 'everyman' composite sculpture inspired by photographs of soldiers from

the six nations involved in the battle. The metre-high portrait is the central feature of the Arboretum's new Passchendaele: Mud and Memory exhibition, using clay from both the Wienerberger Quarry and Brickworks, located on the Passchendaele battlefield site, as well as local Staffordshire clay.

The exhibition, in the Arboretum's Landscapes of Life Temporary Gallery, will be on display until autumn.

Prof Dixon has visited the site to demonstrate to visitors the press-moulding process involved in the creation of the 'everyman' sculpture. Other ele-

ments of the exhibition focus on the evocative power of historical artefacts from the conflict, many of which Prof Dixon has collected himself.

Kathryn Rogerson, exhibitions officer at the National Memorial Arboretum, said: "Temporary exhibitions are a key part of our cultural offering, allowing us to engage new audiences and explore artistic methods of Remembrance."

"We are delighted to host this new exhibition from noted sculptor Stephen Dixon, bringing part of Passchendaele's battlefield to the Arboretum through an imposing mud masterpiece."

Farewell as headteacher hands over the reins



Over to you – Victoria Musgrave, left, and Maggie Shackleton

A BOARDING school has waved farewell to its executive headteacher of more than four years.

Abbots Bromley School said goodbye to Mrs Victoria Musgrave as well as the departing Year 13 students. Maggie Shackleton, who has already been in post for a term, has formally taken over.

She paid tribute to Mrs Musgrave in her first address, as well as the outgoing pupils, particularly vocational dance and musical theatre students who await A-level results having already achieved 21 distinction stars in their performing arts BTEC.

Mrs Shackleton said: "Abbots Bromley School is truly a creative school in this beautiful and creative county of Staffordshire."

"Evidence shows that creative and artistic students reach their full potential in all academic areas. I look forward to leading this vibrant school through the next stage of its development, building upon the work of Mrs Musgrave."

Appeal for goods to help victims

A WOMEN'S group is appealing for household goods ahead of a summer fair in Norton Canes.

Cannock & District Soroptimists is having a stall at the event on Sunday, July 30 to support the Pathway Project, for women victims of domestic violence.

Items such as washing-up liquid, dusters and cloths, kitchen roll, cleaning products and washing powder or tablets are required.

People can take their items along to the fair, at the community centre in Brownhills Road, from 1 to 5pm or, to arrange collection, log on to www.sigbi.org/cannock-and-district

Leather trade talk

THE Walsall Leather Trade is the subject of a talk to Cheslyn Hay & District Local History Society next week. Michael Glasson will address the meeting, at the Salem, High Street, Cheslyn Hay, from 7.30pm on Thursday, July 27. Admission is £1 including refreshments.

Flood defence cost doubles to £4m



The latest works taking place on the flood defence scheme in Rugeley

THE Rugeley flood defence scheme appears to have doubled in cost to £4m. Meanwhile concerns over vandalism mean the nearby heritage trail could remain closed.

The Environment Agency says the construction stage is expected to last until December this year, later than planned, due to drinking supplies in the town being diverted.

Passenger and freight trains will no longer sound their horns as they approach the crossings, reducing disturbance to residents. Information will be available at the crossings, and Network Rail says the diversionary routes will be clearly signed.

Further details can be obtained by calling the national helpline on 03457 114 141.

states the scheme will cost £4m. It was previously understood to be £2m.

The update also confirms the Hagley playing fields will be blocked off until next year while the EA has said the heritage trail will remain closed on a temporary basis, at least until Christmas.

Grass

It adds: "As part of the work, the Environment Agency will be re-instating the collapsing footbridge which forms part of Cannock

Chase Heritage Trail and is owned by Cannock Chase District Council.

"The Environment Agency plans to re-seed the Hagley playing fields in autumn 2017 and they will remain closed to the public until 2018. The exact date will depend on how well the grass grows back.

"The Agency would like to reopen the heritage trail earlier (the main public footpath path up to Cannock Chase). However the area is prone to vandalism which means the whole area may need to be closed to the public."

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Success in bid to fund campaign over FGM

STAFFORDSHIRE'S Police & Crime Commissioner's office has won a bid for funding to tackle the crime of female genital mutilation.

The Home Office pledged £15 million across England and Wales over the next three years to tackle violence against women and girls, and organisations were invited to bid for projects.

The PCC's office led a bid on behalf of a number of bodies, including the police, county and city councils, health and key voluntary women's groups, to secure funding to tackle FGM.

Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner Sue Arnold, who led an awareness campaign on behalf of PCC Matthew Ellis, welcomed news of the bid. "This is a great result," she said.

"Female genital mutilation is a hideous practice, and it's a crime. It invariably goes unreported and results in tremendous psychological, as well as physical, pain and suffering, which can and does traumatises girls for life."

"This isn't just a problem for women in affected communities – it's an issue which we all need to face."

FGM is practised in 28 African countries and some in the Middle East and Asia and affects migrant communities in the UK.

The project hopes to work closely with the National FGM Centre model and learn from the good practice and evidence base they have produced.

Loyalty awards for Co-op staff

CENTRAL England Co-op workers have been honoured for their long service, having clocked up a combined 1,900 years working for the society.

An afternoon tea event was held at Chatsworth House, in Derbyshire, for those who had achieved more than 30, 40 and 50 years' service.

The 57 employees were drawn from across the society's 16-county trading estate and work for all parts of the business.

Staff rewarded for their long service include those from the society's distribution sites in Leicester and Lichfield.

The recipients also work at food stores and funeral homes in Leicester, Birmingham, Derby, Coalville, Tamworth, Stone, Lichfield, and Lowestoft.

Strawberry treat

A STRAWBERRY tea is being hosted by St Thomas' Church in Huntington on Saturday from 2 to 4pm. Admission is by ticket only – £4 for adults and £3 for children. Tickets can be purchased by calling 01543 502495.

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£14k charity joy at Rotary changeover



Cliff Shore, left, with Harold Bould

THE Rotary Club of Cannock has a new president for the organisation's forthcoming year.

The changeover ceremony saw Harold Bould pass on the role to Cliff Shore. More than 60 people were at the event, including representatives from other local Rotary clubs, and six members from Chase Interact Club.

Harold thanked the club members for their support and announced details of a very successful year for the club, which raised more than £14,000.

The money has been used to support local and international charities

and good causes. The Rotary club has made donations to the Cannon Friends of St Giles Hospice, the Stafford & Cannock League of Hospital Friends and The Brain Tumour Charity. Further afield, the club has donated money to help support victims of the famine in Africa.

During the evening, there was a cheque presentation to The Pathway Project, a charity which supports victims of domestic abuse. This money was given to the Cannock club from The Rotary Club of Brie-Pontault based near Paris, and from The Ro-

tary club of Bad Kreuznach in Germany's Rhineland, following their recent visit. Harold informed the meeting that the Germany club had also donated a further 1,000 euros to help support victims of the terrorist attacks in Manchester and London.

The Cannock club, now in its 82st year, has a number of established fundraising events arranged, including the annual 10k road race in November and the Christmas party for local elderly and disabled people.

Visit www.cannockrotary.co.uk or email secretary@cannockrotary.co.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF

Appeal to stop nuisance riders

RESIDENTS have been asked to help stop nuisance motorcyclists causing havoc in Norton Canes.

PCSO Megan McAndrew has appealed for people to take pictures or note down registration numbers and forward them to her.

She said: "Anybody who has clear images of either road-legal bikes with vehicle registration plates causing a nuisance in the area, or off-road bikes being ridden on the roads or public areas, please forward the images to myself."

PCSO McAndrew can be reached by emailing her at megan.mcandrew@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk

New MD role at family business

GENERAL Building Plastics has created a new senior management structure including the appointment of current co-director Alan Sutherland to the new role of managing director.

The family-run and owned retailer and specialist supplier of building products has its head office in Rugeley and a branch network in six locations across the Midlands. The company was founded in 1990 by Janet Sutherland who still works in the business.

Her son Alan and eldest daughter Wendy Hill have jointly led the business as directors since 2008.

£1,440 raised by church's fun day

A FUNDRAISING day at a Cannock church has raised £1,440 towards its renovation project.

Bethel Church in Bridgtown held a sponsored jog or amble and summer fete to raise funds to help pay for the work. Attractions included games stalls, a cake stall, a raffle and a barbecue.

Organisers described the day as a 'great success' and are planning to hold at least one event each month to continue the fundraising.

The next event is a Quiz and Chips night on September 8 at 7.30pm.

Farm branches out into pumpkin crop

CANALSIDE Farm near Rugeley is for the first time growing pumpkin plants, with the aim of visitors being able to 'pick their own'.

The family-run farm has timed the sowing so that the pumpkins will be ready in time for Halloween October.

Farm owner Chris Barton said: "We are very excited about our first ever pumpkin crop and hope that people will enjoy the activities we have planned over the Halloween period."



Prince Harry on the red carpet with veteran George Wagner, aged 96, from Lichfield before the world premiere of Dunkirk in London

Dunkirk veteran on red carpet

A DUNKIRK veteran from Lichfield spoke of his heroic war efforts at the launch of a new movie about the historic evacuation.

George Wagner, 96, spoke with Prince Harry at Kensington Palace ahead of the premiere of the film chronicling the desperate Second World War evacuation of British troops.

Mr Wagner, who was sent to Europe in late 1939 with the Royal Engineers, recounted how he seized his opportunity to get off the beaches in the 1940 operation to save hundreds of thousands of servicemen.

He was given a private screening of the movie and said the sound of explosions brought back memories of the bombardment they faced as they tried to leave.

Mr Wagner said about the film: "It's got bags of bangs – that's what worries me is the bangs." He later joined Harry at the premiere and walked the red carpet.

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COUNTY NEWS**Wonder twosome set for new album**

THE Wonder Stuff's Miles Hunt and Erica Nockalls release their third studio album We Came Here To Work in September. The duo returned to their acoustic project after the Stourbridge band marked its 30th anniversary last year with a new album and tour.

Miles said: "As much as I love rocking out with the band, there is a side to me that enjoys a more relaxed approach to making music. Erica and I have been touring as an acoustic duo for 10 years now and we thought it was about time we added some new material to our acoustic arsenal."

They play The Glee Club in Birmingham on October 17.

Flybe in launch of Hamburg service

FLYBE has celebrated the launch of an all-year-round service between Birmingham and Hamburg, the only direct service connecting the UK and Germany's 'second cities'.

Europe's largest independent regional airline, now offers up to four flights a week.

Flybe's other German routes from Birmingham for summer are those to Dusseldorf, Hannover, Berlin and Stuttgart.

Full details of schedules available at www.flybe.com, with a choice of up to four flights a week. One way fares are available at www.flybe.com from £34.99 including taxes.

£130 a day to keep youngsters happy

AN average family in the West Midlands spends nearly £130 on every child to keep them happy on holiday, according to a new survey.

Families in the West Midlands are happy to pay an initial £116 per child – and also splash out an extra £12 on additional treats such as sweets and fizzy drinks, bringing the total spend to £128. According to the survey conducted by money saving website Voucherbox.co.uk 51 per cent of families opt for self-catering options.

Veteran rocker set for gigs in Midlands

VETERAN rock and roll star Joe Brown has announced two gigs in the Midlands for the new year.

The 76-year-old singer and guitarist started out as a stage and television performer in the late 1950s.

He will appear in Brierley Hill Civic Hall on January 31. He also has a solo show, also featuring folk, country and rockabilly songs, at Birmingham Town Hall on November 4.

Service in town that took campaigner to heart It was the place where she could be 'just Jill'

By David Banner

A SMALL coastal town in North Wales is to host a memorial service to commemorate and give thanks for the life of Jill Saward.

Friends and family will gather at St David's Church in Nefyn on Saturday, August 12 to say a final farewell to the inspirational campaigner.

Following the service, her widower, Gavin Drake, will scatter her ashes in the sea off Nefyn Beach, in accordance with her wishes. Meanwhile, her family have released a selection of photographs, some of which can be seen here, as a tribute to her.

News of the service comes after The Chronicle reported how Ms Saward's twin sister Sue Lancaster had vowed to continue her legacy.

Ms Saward, of Hednesford, died suddenly six months ago, aged 51. She chose Nefyn as her final resting place because of a long-running connection with the town which began in her late teens.

Holidays

Her first visit to Nefyn was as part of the annual beach mission, which she first served as part of the team when she was 18 in 1983.

After a decade on the mission, she stepped down but continued to take her annual holidays in the town during the mission fortnight. Her eldest son Myles is now a member of the beach mission team.

The people of Nefyn took Ms Saward to their heart following the brutal attack in the Ealing Vicarage in March 1986.

She visited the town several times a year and was always made welcome by the locals.

Her ground-breaking interview with Jenni Murray for the BBC One television programme Everyone: No Great Trauma was filmed in Nefyn.

"It was in Nefyn that Jill felt that she could be 'just Jill,'" Mr Drake said. "She loved the people of Nefyn, and they loved her back."



Jill's husband Gavin Drake has released this picture of the couple in Jerusalem



The couple enjoying a visit to Cannock Chase



Jill rides a camel in Petra, Jordan

£5,000 cashpot to help make roads safer

UP TO £5,000 is being made available for ideas on how to make the county's roads safer.

The Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership is organising the trial scheme to community groups in Staffordshire to help improve road safety.

Proposals could include speed watch groups and activities with schools such

as walking buses. However, projects must be community-led.

Councillor Mark Deaville, cabinet member for commercial at Staffordshire County Council, said: "We are always looking at creative ways of making our roads safer and this will give local communities the chance to make a real positive difference in their

neighbourhoods." The first wave of funding will be open for applications between August 1 and September 14, with funding available for a minimum of 40 schemes over the first two years.

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Bosses at super hub battle firm step down

TOP executives at parcel delivery group DX have left the business as part of a major shake-up.

The company, which employs around 550 people at two major depots in Willenhall, said it had been 'an exceptionally challenging year'.

DX failed in its bid to build a £36 million super hub in Essington, following fierce objections from villagers. The company has said it is now looking elsewhere for an alternative site, possibly Rugby or Coventry.

In April, the firm announced it had slumped to a £500,000 loss amid a 'challenging' trading background, higher costs and lower profit margins.

On Friday, the company revealed that chief executive officer Petar Cvjetkovic and finance director Daljit Basu had stepped down from the company. At the same time, the business is being split in two, as DX Express and DX Freight.

The company said the reorganisation 'is expected to provide greater flexibility in managing costs and puts the company in a better position to advance its operational and sales performance and to provide an enhanced service to its customers'.

Meanwhile, DX has scored a number of contract wins, including renewing its deal with HM Passport Office.

DX chairman Bob Holt said: "The changes we are making both to the board of directors and to the group's operational structure are aimed at supporting business transformation."

In particular the reorganisation provides greater flexibility in managing costs and puts the company in a better position to advance its operational and sales performance.

Advice for firms on how to expand

SMALL and medium-sized Staffordshire businesses can find out more about how they could get the backing to transform under-utilised buildings into productive use and access a range of support at an event this month.

The Grow Your Workspace workshop on July 27 will help businesses understand Staffordshire County Council's Rural Enterprise Programme and how to apply for grants.

There will also be a presentation by Cannock Chase Council's planning team and talks on the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Growth Hub and the Low Carbon Business Evolution Programme.

The event takes place at the Aquarius Ballroom and Function Suite in Hednesford, at 2pm. To sign up, visit grantsandplanningworkshop.eventbrite.co.uk

Consumers missing out on option to try a meter

THOUSANDS of households across the Midlands could be missing out on lower water bills because they are unaware they can trial a meter for up to two years, the Consumer Council for Water (CCWater) has warned.

The consumer watchdog is concerned only one in five water customers of Severn Trent Water and South Staffs Water who pay fixed charges know they can trial a meter and switch back for free if they do not save money or decide it is not for them.

The findings emerged from CCWater's Water Matters survey, which also showed that one in eight water customers felt their water bills were not affordable.

CCWater is now urging customers to use its online water meter calculator to see whether they might be better off switching to a meter, before taking the plunge.

Professor Bernard Crump, central and eastern chair of the Consumer Council for Water, said: "A water meter will not benefit everyone but we know that in some cases households can save more than £100 a year.

"Even the smallest saving could make all the difference to customers who are struggling to make ends meet. Almost everyone who opts for a meter chooses to stick with it, but many customers need that assurance they can switch back anytime within the trial period."

Action on homes plan vital – MP

AN MP has said 'action must be taken' to prevent plans for more than 100 homes being approved.

Gavin Williamson, MP for South Staffordshire, has welcomed the extension for the public to object against a planning application to build over 100 homes on land off Upper Landywood Lane, Great Wyrley.

Following an intervention by the MP, South Staffordshire District Council has extended the time allowed for the public to voice their concerns.

Time for commenting on the planning application had originally closed but has now been extended to August 26. Mr Williamson said: "Action must be taken now so that this planning can be stopped with immediate effect."

Ramblers at ready

CHASE Ramblers are going on an eight-mile moderate walk from Duddleston, Bridgnorth, this Sunday. The meeting point is Hednesford railway station for a 9am departure. Call 01889 570178. New walkers welcome.

Hughes homecoming 'will be unique'



Cannock musician Glenn Hughes

FANS of rock legend Glenn Hughes have been promised a 'unique' and 'intimate' experience when he returns for a show in his hometown.

The Deep Purple star, who now lives in Los Angeles, will be coming to Cannock's Premier Suite on Thursday, July 27.

Those going along will get to see a short film about his time in the band, an interview with him conducted by radio DJ Nicky Horne, and an acoustic set, while fans paying for premium packages will get to meet and have their photograph taken with the star.

Premier Suite owner Scott Murray said: "It will be very up close and personal, which I don't think people realise. He is coming home, and it will be a fabulous and special evening.

"Unlike with his other gigs, this will be very intimate and quite unique, very much like we did for Tiffany when she came back here."

"People will get to hear about his time in Deep Purple, Trapeze, as well as when he went into the Betty Ford Clinic, and about what he's doing now with Black Country Communion. It's just going to be a great night." Earlier

this year, Hughes, now 64, hinted he was working on a new album out of Sunset Studio in Hollywood.

It has been an incredibly mixed 12 months for the rocker bookended by the deaths of both of his parents.

His father William died at the age of 90 in April 2016 and then his mother Sheila passed away this February.

Tickets for 'An Up Close and Personal Evening with Glenn Hughes' cost £25 for standard entry. VIP packages costing £95 are still available. Visit www.premier-suite.co.uk or call 01543 572092 to book tickets.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Staff raise £2.4k for pets charity

THE staff at Pets at Home in Cannock are celebrating after they raised £2,427 to help homeless pets.

For four weeks, the store team worked hard to raise money for animal rescues in and around Cannock, as part of an initiative being run by independent charity Support Adoption For Pets.

The Cannock store was joined by local animal charity Small Dog Rescue to help with the fundraising efforts.

Customers were invited to support the campaign by purchasing a 'Scratch and Match' card, with the chance to win one of 200,000 prizes and in turn donating £1 to the charity.

Consultation on police and fire

A PUBLIC consultation over moves for Staffordshire's police and fire services to come under the banner of the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) has been launched.

Staffordshire PCC Matthew Ellis has launched the eight-week consultation to allow people to have their say on plans for both services to be managed by his office in the future.

An independent report suggests the move would improve the way the two services work together, speed up delivery of new ideas, and be better value for money.

Health watchdog wins top award

A STAFFORDSHIRE health watchdog has scooped a national award for its work with volunteers.

Healthwatch Staffordshire was named winner of the volunteering category for Healthwatch England Network's annual awards evening.

The honour marked the contribution made by its network of 60 unpaid workers.

Chief executive Jan Sensier said: "Our volunteers make a massive contribution to our work in the community, so we see this award as a tribute to them."

Market stall to raise funds for Alzheimer's

ALZHEIMER'S support group volunteers will be raising money with a bric-a-brac and clothes sale next week.

The Cannock group of Monthly Alzheimers Support Evenings (MASE) will have a stall at Cannock Market on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Money raised will be donated to the Cannock MASE group which meets at St Luke's Church Hall on the first Monday of every month from 1-3pm.

School finally gets nod despite parking fears

PLANS for a much-needed primary school in Hedgesford have finally been approved despite serious concerns over parking.

The new 210-place academy will be built off Pye Green Road to complement a major housing development after planning chiefs unanimously gave it the green light.

But in a heated debate, Cannock Chase councillors hit out at Staffordshire County Council, which is behind the plans for the school.

Labour councillors had had the decision over the school deferred twice before the matter was finally resolved at a planning committee meeting last week. Councillors had asked the county council to look at the possibility of a pick-up/drop-off facility for the school, which the authority refused to implement.

It also told the district councillors that there was 'no plan B' as there was nowhere for the children from the new housing development to go to school if this plan was not approved.

Debate

The unhappy Labour councillors eventually budged and voted for the school to be built, despite maintaining their concerns over parking.

Stuart Lane, from Staffordshire County Council, said after the meeting: "The county council is very pleased with the decision, and we look forward to working with Cannock council. Good healthy debate never hurt anyone." During the meeting, the county council insisted it was not its policy to build on-site parking for parents unless in exceptional circumstances.

But this was met with much disagreement. Councillor Doris Grice said: "We do need parking. Times change and families change, this school will be there for a long time."

The strongest opposition came from the vice-chair of the committee, Councillor Alan Pearson, who said: "I know we are going to have problems with parking."

But Conservative councillors were adamant the plans should be approved.

Councillor Paul Snape, leader of the Tory group on the council, said: "We need this school, we are a growing population."

Countdown is on for Chase It!



Councillor Christine Mitchell and local children look forward to the Chase It! activities

ORGANISERS of the Chase It! programme have promised a packed line-up full of activities for children and young people.

The Chase It! Summer 2017 brochure includes activities for five-to-15-year-olds in Cannock Chase throughout the summer holidays. Delivered by Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles on behalf of

Cannock Chase Council, the programme features days out, activity camps, sports sessions and arts sessions.

The programme runs from Monday, July 24 and finishes with a summer extravaganza on Friday, August 25 at Chase Leisure Centre. Councillor Christine Mitchell, portfolio leader for cul-

ture and sport, said: "Activities are always popular so I would urge parents to book early."

To request a brochure contact the Chase It! bookings officer on 01543 501519 or email chaseit@wlct.org or download a copy from www.inspiringhealthylifestyles.org/WLCT/cannock/news/chase-it.htm

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Mess of messages with host of posters

IT'S great to see that the Wolverhampton Fiesta is back in rude health once more, attracting thousands of visitors to the city's West Park and evoking memories of the huge crowds during the sizzling hot summers during the 1970s.

How sad then, that an event which has the potential to do so much for the area, should be promoted in such an anti-social manner. Walking around Dudley last week, I noticed that practically every empty shop unit in Dudley – and yes, there are plenty of them – has been daubed with unsightly fly-posters promoting the Fiesta.

To be fair, it's not just the Fiesta, there are also posters for wrestling matches, funfairs and other events, but I would have expected better from the Wolverhampton Fiesta, a prestigious event to fly the flag for the area.

Of course, it may well be an external promoter which is responsible for this eyesore, without the knowledge of the event organisers. If so, I hope they will (a) think again about who they do business with in future, and (b) make sure the posters are removed immediately.

At a time when our town centres are struggling so hard for survival, the very last thing they need is scruffy, fading posters peeling from the windows of empty properties for months on end. And it is no good our councils spending hundreds of thousands of pounds on cosmetic improvements to our towns when they are being ruined by this hideous eyesore.



Beware, Big Brother is watching you. According to consumer watchdog group Which?, the growing number of internet-connected devices around our homes makes us more vulnerable than ever of being spied on.

One of the devices said to be particularly vulnerable is the i-Kettle, which begs the question of why you would want your kettle connected up to the worldwide web in the first place. Apparently, the main benefit is that you can use your mobile phone to boil the kettle from the comfort of your own bed, although the flaw in the system is that you then have to go to the kitchen to actually make your cuppa. And of course drink it.

But that's nothing. There is now such as thing as a smart toilet, which means that even people's ablutions are now linked up to the information super-highway. Or too-much-information super-highway as I'm feeling inclined to call it.

The mind boggles at why the Russian baddies would want to hack into that.

Irritating modern language quirks are just not tennis



Johanna Konta, who is known for her perfect English as well as her tennis exploits



One man on a boat – Rory McCann, who is Sandor "The Hound" Clegane in G.O.T.



So, Jeremy Vine is really fed-up of using a particular word at the start of a sentence

Jo's lovely English is certainly not a racket

A READER asks after my recent item on the Cornish Republican Army (CRA), what initials would the CRA use if it had a Provisional wing? No prizes.

JOHANNA Konta plays a great game of tennis. But I'm just as impressed with her spoken English. In an age of lazy, grunting, consonant-dropping Estuary English where the phrase "Do you know what I mean?" is usually truncated to "jinarmín?" Konta is a beacon of clarity. Born in Australia to Hungarian parents, she properly speaks the Queen's English.

AS the seventh season of Game of Thrones kicks off on Sky, I am reminded of a sunny day in Scotland a few months ago. I was waiting for a ferry to a remote island when I was joined at the slipway by the most handsome man I have ever beheld. He was tall, dark and designer-stubbled and he spoke with a gentle Scottish accent as he offered me a lift across. The crossing took about 20 minutes and as his battered old boat popped along, we got chatting. He said, in a smiling, self-mocking way, that he was an actor "from time to time." Anyway, long story short, he turned out to be Rory McCann, better known to Thrones fans as the tormented and hate-driven Sandor "The Hound" Clegane. On the screen, a mass killer with his axe dripping with entrails. In real life, a nice bloke.

SO farewell, at least for the time being, to Doctor Who and those weekly encounters with time-bending travel. Strange to report, but real life has its share of wormholes and time-slips.

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



Take the curious fact that we are preparing for Mrs Rhodes's 37th birthday at the weekend, even though I could swear we met 45 years ago.

A READER admits she's alarmed at my recent item on "toilet plumes" which, according to new research, can spread microscopic faecal particles up to 15 feet, unless you close the lid before flushing. Her problem is that her backyard WC has no lid, and what can I advise? A 16-foot pole and some running shoes.

THE Lake District has been awarded Unesco World Heritage status. So that's more tourists, more litter, more cars crawling through Ambleside and along Windermere. Just what it needs, eh? I know and love a particularly beautiful part of England. It rarely appears in the guide books and it would never dream, I hope, of applying for World Heritage status. Years ago, a friend who is a countryside writer was invited to write about his favourite places in England. He produced the book but kept his really favourite places out of it. There is a lot to be said for keeping secrets secret.

MORE on the theme of holiday-envy. A reader told one of her friends she'd be taking a month-long break in the United States. The response

was : "Well, you're lucky. I only had a week in Paignton." So good holidays are a matter of luck, are they? My reader takes the view that the harder she works, the luckier she gets.

In any case, you don't have to cross the Atlantic to have a great holiday. I have a friend who has travelled the world and over the past few months has visited Japan and South America. She gets ridiculously excited about her annual week at Corfe Castle.

COLOUR TV was launched 50 years ago this month. One reader is reminded of his first encounter with the technology. He was at university and he recalls the "great excitement" as he and his fellow students prepared to watch international rugby in colour for the first time. What dazzling new dimension would colour bring to the game? Not much. The competing sides were England (all white) v New Zealand (all black).

JEREMY Vine says anyone starting a sentence with the word 'So . .' should be given a fixed penalty notice. He has a point. The 'So . .' epidemic infests every media interview. I have no idea where it came from or what the 'So . .' brigade thinks it adds to the conversation. But I suspect that every generation has its opening line which in time makes way for something new. Back in the 1960s, one particular opener became so commonplace, and so damn irritating, that Monty Python gave us John Cleese as a spokesman for the British Well Basically Club. And what did Cleese tell us? Well, basically . . .

TALKING POINT

Stress in store will put you off your trolley

FOR many years the big high street names have been battling for our custom.

It's been buy one, get one free on this; take advantage of three for two on that (while stocks last, of course); and don't forget the larger size works out cheaper.

No wonder that when faced with the mind-boggling sums we're expected to work out while blocking the supermarket aisles, many shoppers have tried to weigh up whether it is better to give up, go home and give in to internet shopping.

And no wonder there is so much tension these days, what with getting to the shops, finding what you want, working out which is the fastest-moving checkout queue, and then . . . and then preparing for the inquisition.

You know how it goes. "Hi, all right?" is usually the checkout operative's opening move. Before you've had chance to reply, you're hit with "Do you need a bag?", "Have you got a loyalty/bonus card?", "Did you find what you were looking for today?", and finally "Can I interest you in our special offer of a bottle of water/bar of chocolate?" Fumbling around for something, anything, with which to pay, it's that second question, about the loyalty/bonus card that plays on the mind.

Is it really worth searching for said card in your purse, wallet, pocket or bag when you have so many of the damn things and that queue is stretching halfway across the shop? Of course it is, you tell yourself.

So, is there an answer to all this hassle? Maybe, but it will take a fair amount of work by the retailers. Like so many ideas, it came to me while waiting in a checkout queue – thumbprint recognition.

I've lost count of the number of cards I've had stamped or scanned in supermarkets, pubs and coffee shops, often with barely visible ink, or so smudged that the next stamp threatens to merge into one great blob.

The technology is already there to enable smartphones to be unlocked by a unique user, and an increasing number of people are willing to go contactless at the point of payment. Imagine being able to clock up bonus points or take a step towards a free cup of coffee in such a quick and efficient way.

Yes there would be the usual stumbling blocks of data protection, identity theft and the cost of installing the equipment but the digital age is advancing at such a ferocious pace that I'm sure everything could be in place for Christmas, and let's face it, what better incentive is there for the shops to get even more of us spending more, at their busiest time of the year.

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School's delight at 'outstanding' rating

Support pair honoured



Elaine Dunlop, left, and Daphne Sharp with TV presenter Michael Underwood, and Ian Christian, of Irwin Mitchell

TWO Staffordshire women who set up a support group network have received a national honour.

Daphne Sharp and Elaine Dunlop, both of Stafford, have been given a British Citizen Award for their services to the community.

Daphne, aged 67, and Elaine, 62, established Monthly Alzheimer's Support Evenings (MASE) in 2009 following the death of Daphne's 61-year-old brother, who had lived with the condition. Elaine also lost her mother in 2007, following several years of living with dementia.

The charity is unsupported and

has two other trustees – Daphne and Elaine's respective husbands Richard and Jim. Fundraising enables the group to supply a buffet, refreshments and entertainment for each of the meetings, which are held at five different venues in Cannock, Haughton, Hednesford, Rugeley and Stafford each month.

Ian Christian, a partner from law firm Irwin Mitchell presented Daphne and Elaine with their awards alongside TV presenter Michael Underwood. The women were nominated by MASE members Mary Simpson and Robert Pitcher.

AN INSPECTOR OF CHURCH SCHOOLS has rated St Peter's CofE Primary in Hednesford as 'outstanding' for its 'inspirational leadership'.

The rating was also given because 'every pupil is known, loved and supported as an individual'.

Church schools undergo two types of inspection – Ofsted, and the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS), which determines the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school in terms of its demonstration and commitment to Christian values.

In her report, inspector Rosemary Woodward said pupils 'take great pride in their school' and displayed St Peter's values of thankfulness, trust, humility, endurance, forgiveness and friendship in daily life, linking them to biblical teaching.

Proud

She also acknowledged that the 'engaging curriculum is effective in actively promoting pupils' spiritual and moral development, and pupils are well supported on their learning journey'.

The report also praised the partnership between the school and nearby St Peter's Church.

Headteacher Samantha Price said: "I am extremely proud of everyone at St Peter's. "To be rated as 'outstanding' is a wonderful achievement."

"The report reflects the great teamwork of all stakeholders and recognises how hard we have persevered to ensure that Christian principles underpin all of our endeavours."

Chair of governors Gail Velasquez said: "The governors are delighted that the SIAMS report describes the school we all know and love."

Ofsted last inspected the school in May 2014 and acknowledged the school as being 'good'.

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8 Mystery of the blobs

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FRED LEES
Great Wyrley

Our battle in the digital age

THIS month marks four years since Keep Me Posted launched. The campaign challenges companies who push customers to receive electronic communication.

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JUDITH DONOVAN
Chair of Keep Me Posted

Don't let holiday be ruined by asthma

THE school summer holiday is a time when children look forward to all year; a time to relax, enjoy the outdoors and get stuck into their favourite hobbies.

It's easy to see how routines can go out of the window once summer hits, which is why Asthma UK are launching a campaign urging parents to maintain their child's usual preventer medicine routine over the school break.

This will help to protect their child from an asthma attack both during

the summer holiday and once they go back to school. Every 10 seconds someone has a potentially life-threatening asthma attack in the UK, and three people die from an attack every day.

In September, children are nearly three times more likely to be admitted to hospital because of an asthma attack than in August, partly due to seasonal triggers such as cold and flu viruses. If a child hasn't kept up their preventer medicine routine over the school hol-

days, they will be at greater risk of reacting to these triggers.

Parents who have any concerns about their child's asthma can speak to our team of expert nurses by calling the Asthma UK Helpline on 0300 222 5800 (Mon-Fri; 9am-5pm), and can download an action plan from by visiting www.asthma.org.uk/advice/safer-school-holidays.

SONIA MUNDE
Head of Helpline and Nurse Manager

We're here to combat loneliness

AT Independent Age, the older people's charity, we're always trying to help as many older people as possible.

Right now, we want to encourage older people who may be feeling lonely to get in touch with us to find out about our friendship services, which could help to reduce loneliness.

Many of the older people we help have told us that it can make a huge difference to their wellbeing if they have a call to look forward to each week or fortnight.

Older people who would like to receive regular calls from a volunteer can sign up at www.independentage.org/get-support/receive-regular-phone-calls-or-visits or by calling 0800 319 6789.

JANETTE BATES
Head of Wellbeing

We should be told all the college facts

IN the private sector, spending £6 million on a refurbishment and closing the building four years later would probably result in the company going broke and the executives who spent the money getting the sack.

As South Staffordshire College spent money on the old mining college that the taxpayer has been forced to borrow for a wild pipedream, no doubt the executives responsible have resigned? Ah, thought not.

If someone had the power to dismiss them, they would no doubt get a large severance payment and full public sector pension.

I guess the planned job losses will be at the lower end of the pay scale, of normal. Can we be enlightened as to precisely what has happened?

GRAHAME WIGGIN
Cannock Chase UKIP

Remember thirsty creatures

DURING hot dry spells, please put a shallow bowl of water out for the hedgehogs.

Last week I rescued three hedgehogs that were trapped in household drains in less than 24 hours.

The hedgehogs smell the water in the drain and, if the cover is missing, they will go in and are then unable to get out resulting in a long, painful death.

JOAN LOCKLEY
West Midlands Hedgehog Rescue

Time for tea – and helping out charity

LIKE many of your readers, I know first-hand how devastating a breast cancer diagnosis can be as I was diagnosed with secondary breast cancer when I was 46.

I'm encouraging people to host an afternoon tea this summer to raise vital funds for Breast Cancer Care. It's been a year since I won MasterChef and I still enjoy coming up with delicious creations so I've created a special gluten free scone recipe. For recipes and to take part, sign up for your free fundraising kit at breastcancercare.org.uk/cuppa

JANE DEVONSHIRE
On behalf of Breast Cancer Care

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Fun speaker gives food for thought

Etching Hill WI

FOOD Glorious Food was the subject of the talk given by Kath Reynolds. She focused on a miscellany of food items from years gone by and was sure that "members were far too young to remember most of them."

She spoke first of the Be-Ro Home Recipe book which was used by housewives before the onset of convenience food. One of the first convenience items was ready-made pastry mix, particularly flaky pastry which would have had so many processes when it was made from scratch.

Fray Bentos steak and kidney pies would have taken any effort out of cooking but Kath reminded everyone it was important to take off the lid before cooking as she had known of someone who hadn't whose oven door had blown off.

HP Sauce has been around since 1903 and Heinz tomato sauce since 1872. In 1814 Jeremiah Colman created mustard. Hovis bread has been around since the 1880s. Alfred Bird created Birds Custard in 1837.

Fast forward to 1962 and Vesta Curries were introduced, and around the same time instant mashed potatoes such as Smash. There was instant trifle which looked most unappetising from the picture Kath showed. The talk was full of memories and fun.

Future dates were discussed for an outing to the theatre to see The Dreaming at Lichfield Garrick.



Marion Taylor, president Val Jones, Jackie Prince and president-elect June Bould

CANNOCK Soroptimists were delighted to welcome two new members at their last business meeting.

President Val Jones inducted Jackie Prince and Marion Taylor as members, adding she was proud of the club's success in attracting new members particularly when, in today's society, women have many competing demands and pressures upon them.

Marion has spent her working life in pharmacy departments and is now retired. Jackie has worked for West Midlands Police as a member since 1988 fulfilling many roles. Her current role is as a training officer teaching ICT systems to officers and police staff. She is trained to assist in major

SI Cannock & District

incidents and also enjoys her work mentoring younger staff members.

Jackie said they had been thrilled to have been welcomed so warmly on each of the occasions they had attended SI Cannock meetings and saying how much they were looking forward to having an involvement in the work of the club and the organisation. They had each read of Soroptimists in the Press; the work they did and the fun they had appealed so, they made an approach and were invited along to a meeting.

Talk builds mansion memories

Hednesford A TG

HEDNESFORD Guild welcomed Ian Bott who gave a talk entitled 'Lost Mansion Houses'.

The illustrated talk was well presented complete with Ian's own brand of humour.

Meanwhile, the Luncheon

tained by speaker Anna Turney, a former British Paralympian, and Peter Slack, a third-generation Peak District hill farmer.

Guild meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. Details from Doreen on 01543 877987.

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School has new shed thanks to donation

PYE Green Academy has installed a new shed in which to store equipment following a donation from Barratt Homes West Midlands.

The firm gave £350 to the school for the shed, which will be used by the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) to house equipment for events. The school benefited from the financial boost as it is the school nearest Bilbury Chase, a Barratt West Midlands development.

Laura Smallwood, from the PTFA, said: "We needed a place to store our equipment for school events, as space in the school itself is at a premium. Barratt was kind enough to offer us this donation and we're very grateful to them for going out of their way to help us."

Graydon Worthing, sales director at Barratt Homes West Midlands, said: "We want to create great communities as well as great new homes."

'Irreversible damage' claim over rail freight hub plans

A PROPOSAL to create two parks at a planned rail freight hub in the Staffordshire countryside has been criticised as a 'cheap bribe'.

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson said if the 700-acre West Midlands Interchange project at Four Ashes got the go-ahead it would be an 'enormous tragedy'.

The developer, Four Ashes Ltd, has launched a second consultation on the scheme and says it will create

8,500 jobs and £400 million for the local economy.

It has also promised new parks at Croft Lane and off Straight Mile.

But Mr Williamson said it would cause 'traffic chaos' and 'irreversible damage' to the environment and green belt with 'monolithic' warehouses.

The MP also warned that if approved, the project could be just the first of several phases to affect the area.

"The park plan is a cheap bribe

that no-one will fall for," he said. Four Ashes Ltd managing director Peter Frost said independent studies showed the road network can cope with any increase in traffic.

He has called on residents to think about the economic benefit.

Public exhibitions as part of the consultation are taking place today (Thursday) at the Haling Dene Centre, Penkridge, 3pm to 8pm; tomorrow at Calf Heath Village Hall, 2pm to 7pm; and Saturday at Coven Memorial Hall, 10am to 2pm.

Lydia now in charge at Cannock centre

CAPTAIN Lydia Bartlett is the Salvation Army's new Commanding Officer for Cannock.

She replaces Major Nigel Govier, who after six years in Cannock is moving to the Kettering centre.

He said at his farewell meeting that his time in Cannock had been 'an amazing six years'.

Lydia's previous post was command of the centre in Oldbury.

She will be installed at a public meeting at the centre in Walhouse Street at 7pm on Saturday.

"I am very happy to be coming and look forward to meeting the people of Cannock," she said.



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Parents 'don't realise dental care is FREE for children'

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Nearly half (48%) of respondents didn't realise under-19s in full-time education also receive free dental care and 34%

didn't realise pregnant women or those who have given birth in the past year are also entitled to free treatment. Despite oral health improving in children in recent decades, the number one reason for hospital admissions remains tooth decay, even though children receive free treatment.

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Recruitment firm's award is just the job



Staff from Penkridge-based PSR Solutions celebrate after winning the Business of the Year award

A PENKRIFFE recruitment firm specialising in the construction industry has been hailed as the best business in Staffordshire.

PSR Solutions walked away with the Business of the Year award at the Staffordshire Business Awards.

More than 420 guests gathered at the Staffordshire County Showground for the presentation ceremony.

An array of businesses were crowned with awards spanning over

14 categories, including PSR Solutions who walked away with the blue ribbon award for their all-round performance across a range of attributes. The company also won the Medium/Large Business of the Year award.

Computer consultancy risual, based in Stafford, won the Digital Award, while the Environmental/Low Carbon Award went to Stone Computers, based at Acton Gate.

Manufacturer of the Year was sheet

metal manufacturer Alpha Manufacturing, based at Hixon. Small Business of the Year was the Wool Packaging Company in Stone. Young Employee or Apprentice of the Year went to both Chloe Quail of KMF Group and Louise Meredith from JCB.

Sara Williams, chief executive at Staffordshire Chambers of Commerce, said: "The evening was a fantastic celebration of business success across Staffordshire."

Chase earmarked in Brum bid for Games

CANNOCK Chase will host mountain biking races, should Birmingham host the 2022 Commonwealth Games, it is understood.

The UK's second city is vying with Liverpool to host the international sporting competition in five years' time.

Several venues have been confirmed by the bid team – the vast majority within Birmingham including Alexander Stadium and Symphony Hall.

And the leaders of both Cannock Chase and Wolverhampton councils have said that it has been agreed mountain biking would be held on the Chase. Councillor George Adamson, leader of Cannock Chase council, said: "As part of the bid, there will be various locations, and mountain biking on Cannock Chase is included in the bid. "Biking is popular on the Chase, so it is logical to hold that there. It is great news, and we will be delighted



Competing on Cannock Chase

if the bid is successful." Bosses behind the bid would not confirm Cannock Chase as a venue for the Games.

Councillor Ian Ward, deputy leader of Birmingham City Council and chair of the Birmingham 2022 Steering Group, said they are in a "competitive process" and "will be making further announcements in the near future".

This weekend, the British Cycling National Mountain Bike Cross-country Championships will be held on Cannock Chase.

Mark Swinnerton, who runs Swinnerton Cycles Forest Centre on the Chase, said he would welcome the Commonwealth Games but that work may need to be done ahead of such a high-profile competition.

He added: "They do hold some events here already on Forestry Commission land, and a couple of years ago they bid to host a World Cup race here, but were unsuccessful.

If the Games were to be here it would be fantastic news for the area.

"Any events they do hold on the Chase, they normally do it in a particular area. Ultimately this is a small area criss-crossed by roads so to create a controlled race area isn't an easy thing." Should the bid be successful, Sandwell could host swimming and diving but no events are planned for Wolverhampton, Walsall or Dudley.

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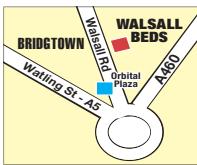
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Artist puts his stamp on Sir Tom artwork



Pete Mason has created a picture of Tom Jones completely out of stamps

IT'S Not Unusual for artists to paint portraits of singing stars like Sir Tom Jones but now, the Welsh icon has been transformed into an intricate art piece made of almost 3,000 used postage stamps.

The man behind the work is 72-year-old Hednesford man Pete Mason, who has been inspired by Sir Tom's shows in Lichfield and at Cannock Chase.

Mr Mason said: "I've kept the background simple, and just done it in five different colours and tones of greens, to represent his song The Green Green Grass of Home."

"A lot of people have said the eyes are just right as they'd expect them to be for Tom Jones. There's about 2,800 stamps altogether, they're all used postage stamps.

"I tried to get some stamps with Welsh references for him. People of my age, we've followed Tom Jones through, and I'm a fan of his. I've done one of Frank Sinatra, and I'm a big fan of his as well," he added.

Number of jobless remains the same

UNEMPLOYMENT stayed at 166,000 in the West Midlands for the three months to May, while nationally the figure was down 64,000 to 1.49 million – the lowest level since 2005.

Figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) saw numbers claiming unemployment benefits, including Jobseeker's Allowance, in the West Midlands fall by 1,170 to 86,475 last month.

Nationally, there was an increase of 6,000 to 829,000.

Across Staffordshire claimant numbers rose by 85 to 5,625 (1.1 per cent) with Stafford down 30 at 755 (0.9 per cent) and Cannock Chase having a fall of 25 to 805 (1.3 per cent).

South Staffordshire bucked the trend with a rise of 25 to 790 (1.2 per cent) and Lichfield also had an increase of 10 to 455 (0.7 per cent).

In Wolverhampton, there was a fall of 145 to 6,770 – 4.2 per cent of the working population. Walsall saw 45 fewer claimants at 4,995 (three per cent), Dudley was down 25 to 805 (three per cent) and Sandwell had

By John Corser

a fall of 20 to 7,215 (3.6 per cent).

UK employment reached a record high as the number of people in work climbed to around 32 million, a rise of 324,000 compared to last year and the largest total since records began in 1971.

The ONS said average earnings grew by 1.8 per cent in the year to May, down by 0.3 per cent on the previous month.

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Graduates from the Wolverhampton School of Art's Fashion & Textiles, Applied Arts - Glass & Ceramics and Visual Communications - Graphic Design & Illustration BA (Hons) degree courses exhibited a selection of their work at the annual three-week event - including Toni Louise Magee, aged 27, from Burntwood.

She said: "It was such a great experience to showcase my graduate collection in a big city to people from the fashion industry as well as members of the public."

Plan lodged to fell trees

PLANS in Burntwood received by Lichfield District Council include:

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Get in on the act with summer sport festival

MORE than 50 free classes and activities are on offer at a festival of sport across Lichfield district - with Burntwood playing host to some of the disciplines.

A number of free taster sessions are being offered by the district council to showcase its range of activities and classes. People are invited to take part between July 24 and 30.

Events are taking place at both Burntwood and Friary Grange leisure centres with free classes to choose from, including walking football, legs, tums and bums, aqua circuit, boot camp, indoor cycling and more. Additionally, there will be two free sessions in the Inspire Fitness gym available to anyone over 14 years of age.

Dodgeball

Youngsters can chance their arm at a number of free coaching course tasters, including tennis, football, trampolining, dance, dodgeball, judo and a parent and toddler class.

Parks are getting in on the action, with outdoor archery at Chase Terrace Park, Dodgeball at Redwood Park, family yoga at Burntwood Park, parkour at Cherry Close and a range of daily sports sessions at

By David Banner

Beacon Park, in Lichfield. Councillor Iain Eadie, cabinet member for leisure, said: "With so many free tasters over the week, there is really something to suit all tastes. This is why we hope plenty of people will take a look at the line-up of activities and try out something new."

"There should be something for everyone, whatever fitness level, age or interest, so come and take part."

During the Festival of Sport, dips in the leisure centres' pools are on offer for children at 50p, when accompanied by a full paying adult during public swim times.

For the full programme go to www.activelichfield.co.uk/festivalofsport.



Katie Lloyd, her mother Jan and sister-in-law Cheryl dressed as Land Girls

Clock goes back in 40s celebration

CROWDS turned back the clock for a 1940s style knees-up.

Cheryl Lloyd of Burntwood was joined by relatives to dress as Land Girls, donning period dress at the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley for a taste of wartime Britain.

Cheryl, aged 44, visited the popular attraction in Tipton Road with her mother and sister-in-law.

She said: "There was a real feel-good factor. It was fantastic to see everyone dressed up."

Carnivals and events were held across the region over the weekend as part of the Black Country Festival celebrations. There was an event in Bilston High Street staged by Bilston and Willenhall Lions and a huge fiesta at Wolverhampton's West Park with monster trucks and a fairground.

Firm's help to couple's fundraising

A BUILDING firm has donated £2,000 towards a couple's efforts on the journey of a lifetime.

Cameron Homes of Chasetown has assisted the fundraising efforts of Adam and Laura Alderson who are aiming to collect around £20,000 by taking part in the Mongol Rally, a 15,000-mile motoring adventure, covering 24 countries through rough terrain across Europe and Asia. The housebuilders are giving £1,500 to their target - to be split between Macmillan Cancer Support and research into rare cancer, pseudomyxoma peritonei.

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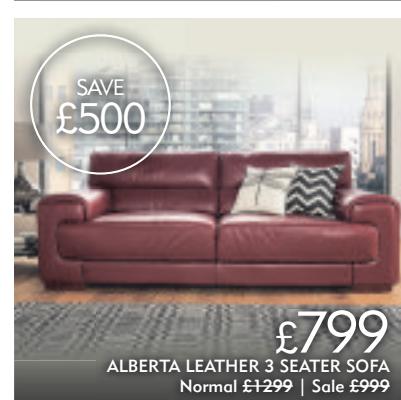


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Businessman is charged over fireworks tragedy

A BUSINESSMAN has been charged with two counts of manslaughter over a huge fireworks blaze three years ago which killed two people.

SP Plastics, in Baswich, went up in flames on October 30, 2014 in a major incident which took more than 50 firefighters to tackle.

Father-of-one Simon Hillier, aged 41, from Hedgesford, had been helping out at the business on the day but died in the blaze. And 57-year-old father-of-three Stewart Staples, also from Hedgesford, who was a customer, also died in the fire. Now, after a lengthy investigation by Staffordshire Police and the Crown Prosecution Service, a man has been charged.

Answers

Richard Pearson, 43, of Holyrood Close, Stafford, faces two counts of manslaughter, accused of unlawfully killing both men by gross negligence in that he owed a duty of care for the storage and handling of fireworks undertaken at Unit 7, Tilcon Avenue.

A spokeswoman at Cannock Magistrates Court said he was set to appear there yesterday (Wednesday).

Last year, Lynn and Thomas Hillier, the parents of Simon Hillier, who was an England kickboxing champion for Featherstone kickboxing club, said their wait for answers had been 'absolute hell'. Mrs Hillier said at the time: 'We'll never get closure I don't think.'

'But it is very important we get answers as to what happened. We still don't know anything.'

Mr Hillier added: 'We still can't get the gist of what happened.' The flames raged for hours while a police cordon remained around the gutted



Stewart Staples was a customer



Simon Hillier was helping at the firm



The flames raged for hours after the blaze was sparked at SP Plastics in Stafford building for several days. Pearson is listed by Companies House as a director of SP Plastics and Roofing Ltd, and is thought to be the firm's owner.

Within months of the blaze the company had gone into liquidation. The remains of the wreckage have been demolished but inquests have never taken place due to the ongoing criminal investigation. Staffordshire Police passed an initial file to the Crown Prosecution Service in August 2015 but they requested further evidence.

The force have previously said the 'total destruction' of the premises and the sheer volume of witnesses and experts consulted had led to a 'lengthy' and 'complicated' inquiry.

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'Inadequate' school will get better, pledges head

THE head of a failing school has vowed to drag it out of special measures 'as soon as possible'.

Ofsted rated Staffordshire University Academy as inadequate after inspectors observed objects being thrown during lessons and a homophobic slur being used.

But Rowena Hillier, the head at the 600-pupil school in Hednesford, has vowed it will come out of special measures at the first possible opportunity.

She said: "We are not trying to hide anything. When we knew about the Ofsted report we sent a letter home to parents to inform them."

"A lot of what Ofsted highlighted we were working on already. For example the report mentions about a lack of provision for music and drama but we had already appointed a new head of service who will be starting in September for the new school year."

Drama

"We have also changed our head of year structure and made other new appointments to help us improve for the new school year."

Ofsted's report also highlighted concerns over teaching. Mrs Hillier accepted more improvements were needed which is why an action plan was in place, but added the school's results had improved since she took the helm two-and-a-half-years ago.

She added: "We hope parents, students and the local community will all give us the support we need to ensure we achieve a 'good' judgement during our next full inspection."

"We are determined to make rapid improvements and remain fully committed to help our students excel and be the best that they can be."



Rowena Hillier with the senior leadership team and year 12 students

Fuel deliveries extended

DELIVERY times at a popular service station have been extended despite fears surrounding road safety and warnings a child could be knocked over.

The Morrisons filling station on Uxbridge Street in Hednesford can now take food and fuel deliveries between 7am and 7pm Monday to Saturday, and 10am to 4pm on Sundays and bank holidays. The station wanted to

amended its previous hours of 5am to 7am for food deliveries and 7am and 8am for fuel as it said the window was too tight.

Cannock Chase Council's Conservative leader Councillor Paul Snape raised concerns that a child could end up being knocked down before and after school but the proposals were approved by the authority's planning committee.

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JCB celebrates supply deal with Briggs



Briggs Equipment's national rental manager Allan Parsons, left, and Mark Roberts from Gunn JCB

A CROSS-STAFFORDSHIRE deal has seen JCB celebrating one of the first orders for its new access equipment division.

Cannock-based Briggs Equipment, which sells and hires out forklift trucks and materials handling equipment, has snapped up 10 JCB scissor lifts including one model that can lift 320 kilos 10 metres in height. Briggs has invested more than £9.5 million so

far this year on expanding its fleet of short-term hire equipment and will be doubling the number of access platforms, including scissor lifts, to 200 machines.

The deal is an important one for JCB, which has been developing and engineering a line-up of powered access machines in secret for the past two years.

By the end of 2017 the newly launched JCB Access business will be offering a total of 27 new platforms.

Advice on start-ups

A TWO-DAY business start-up course is to be held at Cannock Library.

Designed for would-be entrepreneurs in the early stages of planning their business, the course on July 31 and August 1 is part of Cannock Chase Council's Enterprise for Success programme.

The course is led by an experienced Blue Orchid business adviser and will cover a wide range of issues, from registering a business, to financial planning and business plan preparation.

The Enterprise for Success programme can provide individual and tailored support through the course and one-to-one advice sessions. Councillor

Gordon Alcott, portfolio leader for economic development and planning, said: "If you are thinking of setting up a new business, this new support programme provides useful information and advice to local residents to help sustain long-term success."

"The Cannock Chase district is a thriving area for local enterprise and business start-ups."

"We are committed to providing our residents with as much help and support in setting up a new business or becoming self-employed in 2017."

For more information on the course or to obtain advice on starting a business, call Blue Orchid on 0121 516 0330 or Cannock Chase Council's economic development team on 01543 464272.

Sports-mad school is a winner four times over

REDHILL Primary School in Chads Moor is celebrating success four times over with its sports provision.

First, the school received notification that it was to receive a grant of £1,000 from the One Stop Carriers for Causes fund. The scheme is organised by the One Stop group of shops, who donate the proceeds of the 5p levy on carrier bags to deserving causes.

The funding will be used to enable the school to buy a range of sports equipment to be used in lessons and clubs.

Redhill then received news that it had been awarded Gamesmark Gold for the second successive year. The award celebrates sport and PE in primary schools, and to achieve the Gold level, schools must show a big commitment to participating in a wide range of activities both in and out of the curriculum and place a high prominence on sport in school.

News followed that Redhill had been awarded a grant of £3,000 from the Proceeds of Crime People Power fund, which is run by Staffordshire Police & Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis. The grant will be used to provide a series of sports and leadership activities for the pupils both in and out of the curriculum by the community and education department of Walsall Football Club, with whom Redhill has many links already.

Finally, following an exciting season for the Redhill team, the school was awarded two new football kits for use next season.

The proprietor of TV Taxis of Cannock, Vic Simonczyk, made a donation of £500 from for a new kit second kit from the Premier League Primary Stars initiative, which is due to arrive in early September.

"All of the above are testament to the wonderful pupils of Redhill and their commitment to sport," sports teacher Paul Moberley said.

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It is run by New Old Friends company

and led by Heather Westwell and Feargus Woods Dunlop.

The week-long summer school workshop runs from August 14 to 18 and costs £150 per child. Sibling discounts are available. Places are limited and are on a first come, first served basis and must be booked through the theatre's box office on 01543 412121 or in person.

Carillion wins contract for work on HS2

WOLVERHAMPTON'S troubled construction giant Carillion is among the firms awarded contracts for the building of phase one of the HS2 rail line, the Government has announced.

The deals are worth £6.6 billion in total and will see tunnels, embankments and viaducts constructed between London and Birmingham with the work estimated to support 16,000 jobs.

A partnership featuring Carillion has been commissioned for two of the projects on the 190 km high speed line which will connect to the West Coast Main Line near Lichfield and is planned to open in 2026.

Keith Cochrane, interim chief executive of Carillion, said: "We are delighted that our joint venture, CEK, has been selected to deliver two of the three central contracts for HS2 phase one, the London to Birmingham section of the route. We look forward to working in close collaboration with HS2 to deliver this iconic project."

Carillion's share price tanked by more than 70 per cent last week after a profit warning and an £845 million write-off on construction contracts.

The CEK joint venture partnership consisting of Carillion, Eiffage and Kier, has been successful in its bid for the C2 and C3 design and build contracts.

Develop

C2, valued at £724m, involves tunnels through the Chilterns to Brackley and the £616m-valued C3 involves the Brackley to Long Itchington Wood Green tunnel.

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Transport Secretary Chris Grayling said: "This is a hugely important step in the construction of Britain's new railway."

Strawberry tea

CHURCHGOERS can enjoy strawberry tea in Heath Hayes next Saturday, July 29. Refreshments are available from £1.50 and a full strawberry tea for £5.50 at Bourne Methodist, Hednesford Road. Doors open at 4pm and there will be stalls.

Consultant Emma Taylor from Cedar Tree Brereton
GENEROUS slimmers have been donating the clothes they've slimmed out of to support a cancer charity.

Groups in Rugeley, Burntwood and Lichfield have collected 610 bags of clothes for The Big Slimming World Clothes Throw, which supports Cancer Research UK.

The clothes, shoes and accessories have come from members who slimmed out of their old wardrobes and feel confident they'll never need their 'before' clothes again.

With each bag worth around £25 to the charity, slimmer's have raised around £18,030 for the charity.

Last year, slimmers across the UK raised £2.1 million through donations and this year it's hoped the event will smash that target and raise £3 million for Cancer Research UK.

A Slimming World spokesman said: "The Clothes Throw has been a great chance for the members who have done so well to celebrate their amazing weight losses by saying goodbye to their 'before' clothes."

On trail of adventure

YOUNG visitors to Shugborough Hall can get active outdoors by taking part in Explorers' Games from July 22 to September 3.

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Be patient the plea as works under way

MOTORISTS are being urged to be patient while work to complete access to a new homes development near Rugeley is carried out. Access to the development, on the A51 Lea Hall Way, has been created as a roundabout junction north of Wheelhouse Road.

To enable resurfacing work to be safely carried out, this section of the A51 is closed this week, with work having begun on Monday.

A roundabout junction will be built next to the old power station land and a new footpath and cycleway created. Traffic is being diverted along Wolvey Road, Western Springs Road, Horse Fair, Brereton Road and Brereton Hill.

A challenge to curry favour with food lovers

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The restaurant is long established in Cannock and head chef Babul Miah has won a clutch of awards, including the Tiffin Cup and a Midlands Curry title.

His latest creation involves four choices of curry, a juggernaut jalfrezi, a monster masala, King Kong korma or a volcano vindaloo. But the concept is the same – a balti dish probably three times the size of a regular one, stuffed with curry and rice, four onion bhajis, a naan bread and two giant samosas. Eat it in an hour and have it for free, as well as entering the Dilshad's coveted Hall Of Fame.

Appetite

Sounds simple, doesn't it? Well, for a start the monster masala, which I tried, also comes with 12 pieces of lamb and chicken on the bone.

Owner Tony reckons it will take a diner with one heck of an appetite to finish the dish and has thrown down the gauntlet. "We are always looking for new ideas and after the success of the inferno, we hit upon this," he said. "I think it's doable but it will take someone who's used to the big plate of food in front of them to manage it. If it is completed they can have the meal on the house with my compliments."

So how did I fare? My idea was to



Mark pondering where to start



Getting ready to tuck in



It's all over as Mark realises he can stomach no more

pace myself, not to go off too quickly and run out of steam, so to speak. It was a beautiful platter, it was going down well and I hit the bottom of the dish. Then I hit the wall.

Half an hour in, there still looked a long way to go, though the bhajis had gone and I'd made inroads into the samosas and naan. It was a marathon, not a sprint I'd convinced myself. I

rested for a while and went back in, but eventually the white flag went up.

It was most enjoyable and I had given it a good go, but it ultimately proved beyond me. The portions are truly eye-popping and, it seems, I have eyes bigger than my stomach.

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Playday chance for young to Get Wild

FROM building dens to hunting bugs – Staffordshire Wildlife Trust is encouraging youngsters to ‘get wild’ at its hugely popular Playday events next month.

Thousands of people attend the trust’s Playday events each year – held to celebrate the National Day of Play at its Wolseley Centre HQ, near Rugeley, and Westport Lake Visitor Centre, Stoke-on-Trent. This year’s Playday events take place on August 2 at Wolseley and August 3 at Westport, from 11am to 3pm on both days.

The National Day of Play is organised to highlight the importance and value of outdoor play within children’s lives. The year’s Playday theme will be ‘Get Wild’, with the trust encouraging families to take part in activities such as den building, bug hunting, slack lining, birthday party taster sessions, barefoot walks, fire lighting, Forest School taster sessions and much more.

Nurses are feeding the birds through a syringe and are encouraging them to take seed from a hanger bow. They will continue to care for them until they are old enough to be released back into the wild.

VETS in Rugeley are urging people to resist the urge to interfere with wildlife which they think has been abandoned.

A pair of baby pigeons was handed in to Donnachie and Townley by a client who believed they had been left to fend for themselves.

She said: “However tempting, interfering with a young bird can do more harm than good. Fledglings are extremely unlikely to be abandoned

by their parents. These fledglings will have left the nest deliberately a short while before they are able to fly.”

“Removal of a fledgling from the wild has to be a very last resort and then only if it is injured or has definitely been abandoned or orphaned,” said Jo.

She added if a healthy-looking bird was unable to be put back in its nest, it should then be passed to the RSPCA or local wildlife rescue centre.

Footbridge repairs to cost extra £17,000

THE cost of replacing an unsafe footbridge has increased from £83,000 to £100,000.

The footway, in Rugeley, which spans the Rising Brook and is part of the Cannock Chase Heritage Trail, collapsed in 2012 but was propped up by ‘rock armour boulders’ as a temporary measure.

They have now been removed causing the bridge to collapse again.

An assessment has revealed some of the abutment structures are not fit for purpose, increasing the cost of repairs.

Bosses on Cannock Chase District Council were set to approve the extra funding a meeting today (Thursday).

A report states it is ‘critical’ the works are completed before the ongoing multi-million pound flood defence scheme in the town is finished in December, because access to the bridge for the repairs will be ‘impossible’ afterwards.

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Police panel in fresh plea for new members

PEOPLE are being urged to step forward to help hold policing in Cannock to account.

Cannock's Safer Neighbourhood Panel (SNP) is recruiting people who are aged 18 and over to look at the work of the police, and wider criminal justice and community safety issues, across the district.

Lesley Harrison, chairman of Cannock's SNP, said: "Having worked in public service for the majority of my working life, I believe organisations are accountable not just to public bodies and funders, but to the people they serve."

The Safer Neighbourhood Panels were launched by Staffordshire Police & Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis in 2015. He said: "This is a real opportunity for people in Cannock to play a part in holding those responsible for policing in their area to account, and I'd urge them to get involved."

Anyone interested in joining the panel should visit www.staffordshire-pcc.gov.uk/safer-neighbourhood-panels/

Fast work in fundraising – as bikers roar in for annual rally

MORE than 300 bikers gathered at Penkridge Sports & Recreation Centre, known as The Monckton, for a weekend festival raising funds for good causes.

Organised by members of the Get Off Your Butt MCC Staffordshire & Cannock Bikers group, the event was in aid of the Blood Bikers, NABD (National Association for Bikers with a Disability) and the Monckton Charities Centre itself.

Buttstock, as the annual gathering is called, featured live music from four bands and a rock disco. Bikers from as far as Orkney attended.

"The Monckton Recreation Centre was a perfect venue for this," said Kevin 'Lou' Lewis, chairman of the bikers' group.

"This is our 17th event, and this year it was a great partnership with the Penkridge Sports & Recreation



The bikers at the cheque presentation to the centre

Centre. We travel all around the UK for these rallies to meet old and new friends.

"We also have a bit of fun with the

Rally Virgins, who have to undergo a few trials and tribulations, including a stint in the stocks, but it's all in good humour."

Richard Bisiker, who on behalf of The Monckton received a donation cheque for £200, said: "The fantastic array of shiny bikes of all sizes, from the huge and scary to low-slung three-wheelers were all on proud display.

Pleasure

"It was quite something to organise a fiery looking bunch of seasoned bikers to order them to line up their bikes and get a great shot of them as they presented their cheque.

"But we are very grateful, and they were a pleasure to have on site, so we look forward to seeing much more of them."

The bikers group was founded in 1998 and meets every Sunday at Bridgeman Social Club in Cannock and is always looking for new members.

School puts in²³ marathon effort for challenge

YOUNGSTERS at a Rugeley primary school have been hitting the running track.

Pupils from Chase View Primary School's running club have taken part in the national programme called The School Run Marathon Challenge.

This has seen the pupils at the school in Hilary Crest take on the challenge of running the equivalent of a half marathon – 13.1 miles.

Since April, the children, aged between eight and 11, have been running perimeter laps around the school field to reach the target.

Two of the students – Alfie Greenfield and Ethan Weaver – have also completed the full marathon distance of 26.2 miles.

Andrew Minott, headteacher at the school, said: "Some of the children involved have never run before and have never reached this incredible distance."

The School Run organises a number of challenges for school running clubs which pupils around the country take part in throughout the year.

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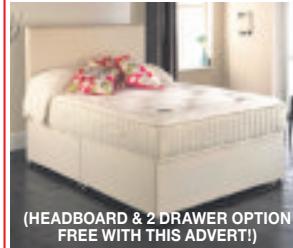


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Raining down with praise for Tempest

AN outdoor castle performance of Shakespeare's The Tempest is celebrating whipping up a storm – as more than 8,000 turned out for the show.

Stafford Festival Shakespeare producers are celebrating another successful show after the curtain fall on the final performance of The Bard's last play at Stafford Castle.

Despite some heavy rain at the beginning of the run, a total of 8,057 people turned out to see this year's production, which ran from June 22 to July 8, beating the total of the 2016 show, Othello, which 7,902 turned out for.

Audiences and critics alike were united in their praise for The Tempest – which received five-star reviews as well as a host of award nominations. Producer Derrick Gask described it as the 'most critically well-received show' in the festival's 27-year history.

"What an incredible few weeks it's been," he said.

"To receive one five-star review is a fantastic achievement but to get three – from notable publications such as The Stage and Break A Leg review – is simply phenomenal!"

"Without doubt, this has been the most critically well-received show in the history of Stafford Festival Shakespeare. Everyone involved in this year's production has been blown away by the response."

By Tom Oakley

Stuart Wilde as Romeo and Aruhan Galieva as Juliet in Watermill Theatre's production

Vibrant youthful take on greatest romantic tragedy

REVIEWS

By Leon Burakowski

yonder window breaks' as she lit up a joint. They had met at Capulet's night club.

Aruhan Galieva was more than a match for Romeo as a guitar-strumming, passionate and petulant Juliet. Lauryn Redding's no-nonsense Northern nurse was a treat.

The production did owe something to Baz Luhrmann's 1996 movie version and the fight scenes were a bit hokey. Sometimes the music drowned out a line of dialogue or the words were too gabbled.

However, this is nit-picking. Director Paul Hart's production obviously loves Shakespeare and wants to communicate that to audiences. It did a good job.

Watermill also presented Twelfth Night during their visit. I hope they come back next year.



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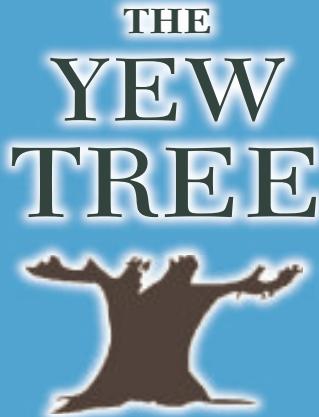


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Celine's late husband, René Angélil, died last year. But he remains with her every minute of the day as she continues to grieve. The duo were inseparable and he remains permanently in her thoughts.

"I think I will probably grieve for the rest of my life."

"René has prepared me for all my life since I'm 12. I have never met another man in my life, never kissed another man in my life."

"I miss him a lot. I miss him a lot — for my partner, for the man I was embracing, kissing, making love with. My worries, my dreams . . ."

Celine says the couple made the best of their last weeks and months together. "No one chooses to be sick. Life imposes for you to be sick and you have the option to be strong or not be strong."

"But to be surrounded by the right people helps a lot because, if you know you will die, make the best of it."

"I proved to René that he was there for me and I'm going to be there for him – and I'm still there for him."

She still speaks to him and asks for advice. And, having sold 250 million records, she still hears his voice.

"He did suffer for three years. A lot."

"I took a year off and I said, 'My living well is to be with you, it's not my career. You are my career, you are my life.'

"That's what a wife does, that's what a mother does, that's what a performer does. I took care of him the best way I could."

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"We talked a lot and I took notes every day. I had my Post-its and my crayons and my book, and everything he wanted or questioned, or he thought of, I wrote it down."

"I reassured him it was going to be done his way — he chose the songs at his funeral, the way he wanted it, everything to a T. And I respected that."

"I'm extremely proud of my children. Proud of what my husband has prepared me for without knowing. Today I can tell you I am very strong. At one point I showed my children to stand up. Even though they don't have a Papa anymore, Mama is here. But Papa is in their heart."

Her husband's passing has had a profound effect on Celine. It has changed her outlook on life and given her a new appetite to live life fully – and to encourage her children to do likewise.

"It is something that I had no choice to take charge of, that I am proud of – to prepare my children [for] their dad's passing. And that was a lesson for me, that you never know when things like this strike and you need to take charge. It was a lesson for me, but they're doing great."

"It's best to never wait for tomorrow to do what can be done today."

She's a remarkable figure who has sold 250 million records – the second most successful female artist to Madonna.

At the age of 12, Celine recorded a demo tape of a song she had written with her mother. They sent the tape to the manager and producer René Angélil, who handled the career of popular French singer Ginette Reno. After hearing the tape and inviting Celine to perform for him in person, René signed her immediately under the

Because you loved me – Celine will sing for late hubbie, René



condition that he would have complete control over her career. He mortgaged his own home to finance her debut album, *La Voix du bon Dieu* (The Voice of God).

By the age of 18, Celine had recorded nine French albums and won numerous Felix and Juno awards (the Canadian equivalent of a Grammy Award). In 1988, she won the Eurovision Song Contest representing Switzerland in Dublin, Ireland, and her performance was broadcast live in countries throughout Europe, the Middle East, Australia and Japan. After this taste of international acclaim, she began looking to the south, and American stardom.

Her real breakthrough into pop music stardom came in 1992, when she recorded the theme to Disney's hit animated feature *Beauty and the Beast*, a duet with Peabo Bryson. The song,

Beauty and the Beast, made it to number nine on the Billboard Hot 100 and won both a Grammy and an Academy Award.

It was featured on her second English album,



It's best to never wait for tomorrow to do what can be done today

Celine Dion, which became her first gold record in the United States and sold more than 12 million copies internationally.

The undeniable success of her self-titled effort, also including the hit *If You Asked Me To*, which made it to number four on the Billboard Hot 100 and number one on the adult contemporary chart, allowed Dion to launch her first headlining tour in the US.

In 1994, Dion happily merged her personal and professional life when she married René, who was 26 years her senior. René and his second wife had divorced in the 1980s, and, around that same time, he and Celine had begun a romantic relationship. Engaged in 1991, the couple tied the knot at Montreal's Notre Dame Basilica, in an elaborate ceremony that was celebrated throughout Canada.

She also scored a series of international number one hits, including *The Power of Love*, *Think Twice*, *Because You Loved Me*, *It's All Coming Back to Me Now*, and, of course, *My Heart Will Go On*, which featured on the soundtrack to one of the biggest grossing films of all time, *Titanic*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

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Showbiz legends with a Grand night of anecdotes

Two showbiz veterans combine for a one-night only evening of star-studded anecdotes in Wolverhampton on Saturday.

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O'Connor, now aged 85, has spent more than 60 years in the public eye. As well as hosting his own chat show and presenting game shows such as *Take Your Pick*, O'Connor has recorded 36 albums and has had four top-ten singles. He also became famous as the

source of gags by comedy double act Morecambe and Wise.

Liverpudlian comic Tarbuck, 77, was a regular host of *Sunday Night At The London Palladium* and *Live From Her Majesty's* and fronted several game shows including *Winner Takes All*.

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The latest revival has also confirmed Sheridan Smith as Britain's biggest current star of

musical theatre and she graced the stage at Birmingham Hippodrome earlier this year.

Now the show may be producing a third star with Natasha J Barnes stepping into the role at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Monday to Saturday. And she is no stranger to the role, having shared the limelight with Sheridan in the West End and on tour.

She will get steadfast support from a company that includes former Pop Idol finalist and now in-demand leading man Darius Campbell in the male lead role of Nick Arnstein. They are pictured together,



Other shows to look out for include *Voice of the Heart*, a tribute to the music of The Carpenters at the Grand tomorrow night (Friday).

A version of Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book* combines street dance and circus skills at The Patrick Centre, within Birmingham Hippodrome, until Saturday.

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Mel Giedroyc

Pitch Battle (BBC1, 7.25pm)

The grand final of the singing contest arrives, as Mel Giedroyc assembles the six most successful entrants for their final performances. As ever, Gareth Malone and Kelis are tasked with assessing each group's skills, and for this last round, they are joined on the panel by Deke Sharon. The final begins with a musical mash-up, followed by a Showstopper round in which the ensembles collaborate with stars including Will Young, Chaka Khan, Bebe Rexha and Seal, among others. Three groups will be eliminated at this stage, leaving the other three to face off in an a cappella contest, which will decide the two finalists. The ultimate winner will be named via public vote. Last in the series.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast, 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live, 11.30 Nadiya's British Food Adventure, (R) 12.00 Bargain Hunt, (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather, 1.15 Athletics: Diamond League Monaco Highlights, 2.15 Escape to the Country, (R) 3.00 Fog It!, (R) 3.30 Film: Kung Fu Panda 2, (2011) Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Jack Black, 4.50 Film: Shrek the Third, (2007) Animated sequel, with the voice of Mike Myers.
- 6.15 BBC News.
- 6.25 Regional Programme.
- 6.35 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present as famous faces take part in the general knowledge quiz in which they try to come up with the least likely correct answers to a series of questions posed to members of the public, (R)
- 7.25 Pitch Battle. The grand final of the singing contest arrives, as Gareth Malone, Kelis and Deke Sharon whittle the remaining six acts down to just two ahead of a public vote. Last in the series.
- 9.00 Casualty. Part two of two. Scott is admitted to the ED after taking a nasty fall during a fight with Mickey, and while Ethan is initially assigned to take care of him, the powers-that-be quickly realise this is a bad idea. Meanwhile, with both her sons in hospital, Ellisian matriarch Denise turns up on the ward, and it is not long before she discovers the reason her boys were scrapping. Connie delights in bringing Grace into the department to show off her recovery, but when the youngster gets in the way of her mother's work, it becomes clear their relationship still isn't on an even keel.
- 9.50 BBC News: Weather, National Lottery Update.
- 10.10 Would I Lie to You? Team captains David Mitchell and Lee Mack are joined by Rhod Gilbert, Jamie Laing, Tracy-Ann Oberman and Claudia Winkleman, aiming to deceive their opponents with plausible lies, (R)
- 10.40 Film: Eagle Eye, (2008) Two strangers go on the run from the authorities after receiving phone calls warning their lives are in danger. Thriller, with Shia LaBeouf and Michelle Monaghan.
- 12.30 Weather for the Week Ahead.
- 12.35 BBC News.

BBC2

- 7.10 Film: Herbie Rides Again, (1974) 8.35 Film: Megamind, (2010) 10.00 Monty Halls' Great Irish Escape, (R) 11.00 Homes Under the Hammer, (R) 12.00 Nigel and Adam's Farm Kitchen, (R) 1.00 Film: Becoming Jane, (2006) Romantic period drama, starring Anne Hathaway and James McAvoy, 2.50 My Friend Jane, (R) 2.20 Jane Austen: Behind Closed Doors, (R) 4.20 University Challenge, (R) 4.50 Gardeners' World, (R) 5.00 The Sweet Makers: A Tudor Treat, (R)
- 6.50 Proms Extra. New series. Katie Derham returns with the weekly magazine show, which offers a round-up of highlights from across the annual BBC Proms season. In this first edition, she reviews the opening week of Proms 2017, with help from a selection of guests. Among the performances appraised tonight are a rendition of Elgar's Second Symphony, conducted by Daniel Barenboim, and a selection of memorable music from the movies, courtesy of John Williams.
- 7.30 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring's men acquire a boat, planning to use it for coastal patrols, but they get lost in fog and believe they have crossed the Channel when they finally reach dry land, (R)
- 8.00 Golf: The Open. Eilidh Barbour presents highlights of the third day of the prestigious event, which takes place at Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport. The players to have made the cut will have been attempting to move themselves into contention for the Claret Jug with a strong round today, as they aim to succeed 2016 champion Henrik Stenson. Commentary by Peter Alliss and Andrew Cotter.
- 10.00 Performance Live: Why it's Kicking Off Everywhere. Kirsty Wark introduces a production of journalist Paul Mason's "popular protest" play, which tells the story of modern revolutions, broadcast live from the Young Vic.
- 11.00 QI XL. Panelists Sue Perkins, Romesh Ranganathan, Bill Bailey and Alan Davies compete, as Stephen Fry hosts an extended edition of the inverent quiz show.
- 11.45 Film: Cosmopolis, (2012) David Cronenberg's drama, with Robert Pattinson and Juliette Binoche.
- 1.25 Film: Tim, (1979) 3.10 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

- 6.00 CITV: Grizly Tales for Gruesome Kids, 6.10 Grizly Tales for Gruesome Kids, (R) 6.20 Sooty, (R) 6.30 Signed Stories: Share a Story, (R) 6.35 Dino Dan: Treks Adventures, (R) 6.50 Dino Dan: Treks Adventures, (R) 7.00 Oddbods, (R) 7.05 Oddbods, (R) 7.15 Super 4, (R) 7.30 Mr Bean: The Animated Series, (R) 7.45 Mr Bean: The Animated Series, (R) 8.00 Sandbirds Are Go, (R) 8.25 ITV News, 8.30 Weekend, 9.25 The Home Game, (R) 10.25 The Voice Kids Final, (R) 12.10 ITV News; Weather, 12.25 Live Pre-Season Football, Arsenal v Chelsea (Kick-off 12.40pm), 2.55 Tipping Point, (R) 4.00 The Chase, (R) 5.00 Little Big Shots USA.
- 6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.
- 6.10 ITV News: Weather.
- 6.20 You've Been Framed! XXL. Harry Hill presents an extra-large edition of the show, revisiting some of the best mishaps, hijinks and side-splitting disasters captured on video by intrepid viewers, (R)
- 7.20 Catchphrase. The big-screen guessing game continues, as Stephen Mulhern invites three more contestants decipher the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues in an attempt to win £50,000.
- 8.00 Film: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey, (2012) Unassuming hobbit Bilbo Baggins is pulled out of his comfortable life when Gandalf the wizard volunteers him for a dangerous quest. He joins a party of dwarves who are on a mission to reclaim their lost homeland, which has been taken over by a dragon. When the group journeys into the Misty Mountains, Bilbo becomes separated from the dwarves and falls into a cave, where he finds himself confronted by Gollum and forced to play a riddle game. It is set in Middle-earth 60 years before the events of The Lord of the Rings and is the first part of Peter Jackson's fantasy adventure trilogy based on JRR Tolkien's novel, starring Martin Freeman, Ian McKellen, Richard Armitage, James Nesbitt, Ken Stott, Cate Blanchett, Ian Holm and Christopher Lee.
- 11.15 ITV News: Weather.
- 11.35 The Chase. Bradley Walsh presents, (R)
- 12.30 Jackpot247, 3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

- 6.20 Cycling: Velothon Wales, 7.15 Motor Sport: British Rally Championship, 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) 8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) 8.35 Frasier, (R) 9.05 Frasier, (R) 9.35 Frasier, (R) 10.05 The Big Bang Theory, (R) 10.35 The Big Bang Theory, (R) 11.25 The Simpsons, (R) 11.55 The Simpsons, (R) 12.25 The Simpsons, (R) 12.55 Four in a Bed, (R) 1.25 Four in a Bed, (R) 2.30 Four in a Bed, (R) 3.00 Four in a Bed, (R) 3.30 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun, (R) 4.30 Big House, Little House, 5.35 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It, (R)
- 6.30 Channel 4 News.
- 7.00 World Para Athletics Championships London 2017. Sophie Morgan, Arthur Williams and Lee McKenzie present coverage of the evening session on day nine of the Championships, which takes place at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Another 18 gold medals are set to be decided on what is the penultimate day of the games, with events including the men's T43, T44 and T47 200m, and the women's T37 and T38 100m. With analysis from Danny Crates and David Weir.
- 10.00 Film: Fast & Furious 6, (2013) A gang of fugitives reunites to take down a criminal syndicate that is aided by a friend they thought was dead. Action thriller sequel, with Vin Diesel and Dwayne Johnson.
- 12.30 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. Gordon Ramsay heads for West Babylon, New York, where he helps the owners of restaurant Classic American deal with their escalating debts and a lack of leadership in the kitchen, (R) 1.20 60 Days in Jail. Another three new participants enter the programme, (R)
- 2.10 Hollywoods. Armstrong convinces Cindy to do a talk about powerful women in Liverpool, while Scott goes searching for his brother.
- 4.15 Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb. New series. The host helps three homeowners struggling to sell their properties in Cardiff, giving them £1,000 to make improvements to impress buyers Beth and Harriet. Previously seen on More 4, 5.10 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. Kirstie Allsopp visits the Devon County Show, (R) 5.25 Location, Location, Location. Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help two couples house-hunting in north-west London, including a pair who have already looked at almost 100 properties during their search, (R)

CHANNEL 5

- 6.00 Milkshake!, 10.15 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, 10.55 Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud, (R) 11.20 Police Interceptors, (R) 12.20 Police Interceptors, (R) 1.20 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun, (R) 2.15 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun, 3.15 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door, (R) 4.15 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door, (R)
- 5.10 5 News Weekend, 5.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away, (R)
- 6.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Brian, Shaughnessy and Graham Aldred's first case sees them in a Brighton health spa as they search for assets to seize in pursuit of a £20,000 debt, (R)
- 7.00 Blind Date. The dating game show concludes, as Paul O'Grady sets out to help two more singletons find romance. This time, he lends his assistance to Sophie, a flight attendant who hopes to find a cheeky chap who can love her in spite of her goofy, childlike ways. Also seeking a spark of attraction is Ted, a business development manager who is looking for a kind-hearted girlfriend who is also independent and ambitious. Plus, Paul catches up with last week's couples to find out how whether their dates were a success. Last in the series.
- 8.00 Named and Shamed: Greatest Celebrity Scandals. A rundown of the most salacious celebrity scandals to shock the worlds of pop, film, television and sport, including Cheryl's infamous bust-up in a nightclub toilet.
- 9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, featuring more games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chat-chat, as well as reactions to the latest eviction.
- 10.00 20 Moments That Shocked Comedy. Countdown of memorable comedy moments, including the launch of The Young Ones and Spitting Image, and the controversy surrounding Monty Python's Life of Brian. Last in the series, (R)
- 11.25 Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. Comedy clip show featuring pranks gone wrong, unwise acts and failed attempts of misplaced ambition, (R)
- 11.50 Access.
- 12.00 SuperCasino, 3.10 Film: Under Ten Flags, (1940) 4.45 Access, (R) 4.50 Great Artists, (R) 5.15 Wildlife SOS, (R)

DIGITAL

- 8.00 Four 7.00 Forest, Field & Sky: Art Out of Nature 8.00 The Last Seabird Summer? 9.00 I Know Who You Are 11.25 Top of the Pops: 1984 12.35 How to Be a World Music Star: Buena Vista, Brundu Boys and Beyond 2.05 A to Z of World Music 3.35 Close
- ITV2 11.50 Film: Hulk, (2003) 12.50 FYI Daily 12.55 Film: Hulk, (2003) 2.35 The Voice Kids Final 4.20 Film: Babe, (1995) 5.20 FYI Daily 5.25 Film: Babe, (1995) 6.15 Film: The Amazing Spider-Man, (2012) 7.15 FYI Daily 7.20 Film: The Amazing Spider-Man, (2012) 9.00 Love Island: The Weekly Hot List 10.05 Celebrity Juice 10.50 Family Guy 12.15 American Dad! 1.10 Film: Zack and Miri Make a Porno, (2008) 2.10 FYI Daily 2.15 Film: Zack and Miri Make a Porno (2008)
- ITV3 1.30 ITV Racing: Live from Newbury, Market Rasen & Newmarket 4.00 Race: The Making of a Modern Queen 5.00 Agent Christie's Marple 7.00 Film: Mamma Mia!, (2008) 8.05 FYI Daily 8.10 Film: Mamma Mia!, (2008) 9.10 Foyle's War 11.20 Law & Order: UK 1.15 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping
- ITV4 11.10 Tour de France Highlights 11.15 La Course: Tour de France Live, 12.45 Tour de France Live, 5.00 Better Late Than Never 6.00 Monster Carp 7.00 Tour de France Highlights 8.00 Film: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment (1985) 9.05 FYI Daily 9.10 Film: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment (1985) 9.55 Film: Passenger 57 (1992) 10.55 FYI Daily 11.00 Film: Passenger 57 (1992) 11.40 Film: Death Wish 3 (1985) 12.45 FYI Daily 12.50 Film: Death Wish 3 (1985) 1.35 Tour de France Highlights 2.25 The Car Chasers 2.50 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping
- E4 11.30 The Goldbergs 1.00 Film: Space Chimps 2: Zartog Strikes Back, (2010) 2.40 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts 3.00 The Goldbergs 4.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film: Speed, (1994) 11.20 Gogglebox 1.30 Tattoo Fixers 2.35 Rude Tube 3.25 Gogglebox 4.15 How I Met Your Mother 5.00 Rude(ish) Tube
- Film 11.00 Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) 1.00 Grease, (1978) 3.10 Carry On Cabby, (1963) 4.55 Robots (2005) 6.40 Men in Black 3 (2012) 9.00 Darkman (1990) 10.50 The Counsellor (2013) 1.05 Sleepy Hollow (1999) 3.20 Close

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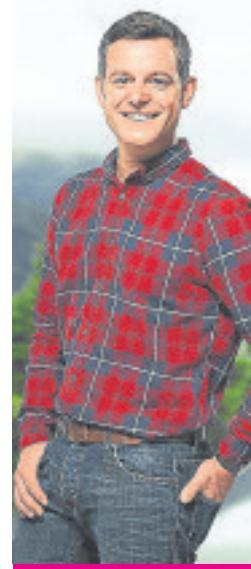
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SUNDAY'S TV JULY 23

CHOICE



Matt Baker

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live
11.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R)
12.00 Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Escape to the Country. (R)
2.15 Money for Nothing. (R) **3.00** Film; Oz the Great and Powerful. (2013) Fantasy adventure, starring James Franco. **5.00** Lifeline. **5.10** Songs of Praise. **5.45** Pointless Celebrities. (R)
6.30 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Wild Alaska Live. New series. Liz Bonnin, Matt Baker and Steve Backshall present footage of animals gathering for the region's summer feast, beginning with a look at bears and migrating salmon.

8.00 Countryfile. John Craven visits a conservation project for great bustards in Salisbury Plain, while Anita Rani meets contestants in the international young beekeepers' competition at Marlborough College and helps out with volunteers trying to stop one of England's most important chalk streams from drying up. Plus, artisanal flower growing in the Marlborough Downs and a farmer who keeps sheep for their milk.

9.00 Poldark. George plans to stand for parliament, but fails to make a good impression on a potential ally at Caroline's wedding reception and is forced to seek support elsewhere. Agatha prepares to celebrate her 100th birthday, and Hugh becomes infatuated with Demelza, although Ross dismisses the possibility. Morwenna's sister turns up at the Whitworth vicarage, and Sir Francis Bassett plans to challenge Falmouth's political monopoly in Truro, and invites Ross and Demelza to Tehidy so he can make a proposal.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.
10.30 Miranda Hart – My What I Call Live Show. A filmed performance of stand-up comedy. (R)

11.30 Film: Gambit. (2012) A put-upon art expert plans revenge on a millionaire by tricking him into buying a fake Monet painting. Comedy remake, starring Colin Firth, Cameron Diaz and Alan Rickman.

12.00 Weather for the Week Ahead.

12.55 BBC News.

SUNDAY'S TV JULY 23

BBC2

6.15 A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.00** The Instant Gardener. (R) **7.45** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.45** The Beechgrove Garden. (R) **9.15** Countryfile. (R) **10.15** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.45** Nigel Slater: Eating Together. (R) **12.15** Harry Bikers' Best of British. (R) **1.00** Diving World Championships. **2.30** Wanted Down Under. (R) **3.15** Natural World: Living with Baboons. (R) **4.15** Flog It! (R) **5.00** Live Swimming: World Championships. Helen Skilton presents coverage of day one from Danube Arena in Budapest, Hungary, which will include the finals of the women's and men's 400m freestyle disciplines.

7.00 Inside the Factory. Gregg Wallace and Cherry Healey visit factories to find out how household staples are made, while Ruth Goodman steps back in time to examine their history. (R)

8.00 Golf: The Open. Eilidh Barbour presents highlights of the final day of the prestigious event, which took place at Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport. The winner of this year's tournament would not only get to lift the famous Claret Jug, but add their name to an illustrious list of champions that includes the likes of Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Tiger Woods and Seve Ballesteros, and should a British player emerge victorious they will have been the first to do so since Paul Lawrie in 1999. Commentary by Peter Allis, Ken Brown and Andrew Cotter.

10.00 Film: Maps to the Stars. (2014) Premiere. A disfigured woman is hired as an assistant to a fading Hollywood star obsessed with her dead mother. David Cronenberg's drama, starring Julianne Moore and Mia Wasikowska.

11.45 Film: The Skin I Live In. (2011) A plastic surgeon keeps a woman prisoner in his home, and uses her in experiments to create synthetic skin. Pedro Almodovar's thriller, starring Antonio Banderas.

1.35 Sign Zone: Countryfile. Ellie Harrison visits a Scottish island that is home to the largest puffin colony on Britain's east coast, and Sean Fletcher investigates the history of fruit growing in Fife. (R) **2.35** Holby City. Essie worries that she is not being a good foster parent to Parker, and a tricky patient diagnosis throws Morven straight in at the deep end on her first day back. (R) **3.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Sooty. (R) **6.30** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Oddbods. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** NinjaGo: Rebooted. (R) **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Wild Animal Reunions. (R) **10.20** Judge Rinder. (R) **11.20** Love Your Garden. (R) **12.20** James Martin's French Adventure. (R) **12.50** ITV News: Weather. **12.55** Rebound. (R) **1.15** Tipping Point. (R) **2.55** Bear Grylls Survival School. (R) **3.25** Film: Octopussy. (1983) James Bond spy adventure, starring Roger Moore.

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.10 ITV News; Weather.
6.30 The Chase Celebrity Special. Paul Young, Jade Jones, Aljaz Skorjanec and Arthur Smith answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to secure a cash prize for charity. Presented by Bradley Walsh.

7.30 Film: Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire. (2005) Adolescent wizard Harry is unexpectedly chosen to represent Hogwarts School in a prestigious magical tournament, despite being legally too young to enter. Along with charming sixth-year student Cedric Diggory, Harry takes on the challenges of two other magical academies visiting the school facing deadly monsters in a series of death-defying challenges. Meanwhile, the followers of the dreaded Lord Voldemort plot to restore their master to the land of the living. Fourth instalment of the fantasy saga, starring Daniel Radcliffe, Robbie Coltrane, Ralph Fiennes, Michael Gambon, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Brendan Gleeson and Robert Pattinson.

10.20 ITV News; Weather.
10.40 Judge Rinder's Crime Stories.

The 2011 case of the murder of Stan O'Callaghan, who was killed by a taxi driver. Upon his arrest, the murderer offered to show police where a second body could be found. (R)

11.40 Take Me Out. A firefighter, a barber, a test driver and a gym instructor try to impress 30 single women and win a date. (R)

12.45 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.20 Last Man Standing. **6.45** Last Man Standing. **7.10** Last Man Standing. **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Eat the Week. **1.30** Film: Eragon. (2006) Fantasy adventure, starring Ed Speleers. **3.35** The Restoration Man. (R) **4.35** Homes by the Sea. **5.35** Channel 4 News.

6.00 World Para Athletics Championships London 2017. Lee McKenzie, Ade Adepitan and Sophie Morgan present coverage of the evening session on the final day of the Championships, which takes place at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Despite being the last day of competition there are still 13 gold medals to be decided tonight, including the men's T54 5,000m, and the women's T44 200m and T53 800m. With analysis from Jonnie Peacock, Liam Malone, Stef Reid and Millie Knight, and commentary by John Rawling, Rob Walker and Katherine Merry.

7.30 UEFA Women's Euro 2017. England v Spain (Kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of the second match in Group D for both sides, which takes place at Rat Verlegh Stadion in Breda, Netherlands. These nations were also drawn in the same group as each other at the 2013 staging of the tournament, and on that occasion it was Spain who emerged triumphant, with the 3-2 victory helping them to qualify for the knockout stage, while England crashed out at the first hurdle. Presented by Clare Balding, with expert analysis from Ian Wright, Eniola Aluko and Kim Little, and commentary by Steve Bower and Lucy Ward.

10.00 The Handmaid's Tale. Offred is given a mission by the May Day rebels, to return to Jezebel's and collect something they need.

Janie takes drastic action after being forced to give up her baby. **11.05 Film: Kingdom of Heaven.** (2005) A French blacksmith becomes a knight and swears to protect Jerusalem during the Crusades. Ridley Scott's historical epic, starring Orlando Bloom.

1.40 Undercover Boss USA. (R) **2.30** The Last Leg. (R) **3.25** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **3.55** Gillette World Sport.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Pip Ahoy! **6.10** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.15** Milkshake! Bob Box. (R) **6.20** Mr Men. **6.30** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.40** Wissper. (R) **6.50** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.00** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.15** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.25** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.35** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.50** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.10** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.25** Wissper. (R) **8.40** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.55** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.15** little Princess. (R) **9.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **10.15** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.50** Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud. **11.15** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.10** Film: Little Nicky. (2013) **3.55** FYI Daily **6.00** Film: The Smurfs 2 (2013) **7.00** Film: Evan Almighty (2007) **8.05** FYI Daily **8.10** Film: Evan Almighty (2007) **9.00** Love Island **10.00** Love Island: After Sun **11.20** Family Guy **12.40** American Dad! **1.35** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.05** The Vamps: The Hot Desk **2.15** Teleshopping **3.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

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BBC Four

7.00 BBC Proms 2017 **8.50** Operation Crossbow. (1958) Storyville: Accidental Anarchist. Life without Government **10.50** After Life: The Strange Science of Decay **12.20** Dissected: The Incredible Human Foot **1.20** Britain's Whale Hunters: The Untold Story **2.20** Neil Diamond: Electric Prom **3.25** Close

ITV2

11.15 Ninja Warrior UK **12.15** You've Been Framed! Gold Top 100 Sport Stars **1.20** Film: See Spot Run (2001) **2.20** FYI Daily **2.25** Film: See Spot Run (2001) **3.15** Film: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **4.15** FYI Daily **4.20** Film: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **4.55** Film: The Smurfs 2 (2013) **5.55** FYI Daily **6.00** Film: The Smurfs 2 (2013) **7.00** Film: Evan Almighty (2007) **8.05** FYI Daily **8.10** Film: Evan Almighty (2007) **9.00** Love Island **10.00** Love Island: After Sun **11.20** Family Guy **12.40** American Dad! **1.35** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.05** The Vamps: The Hot Desk **2.15** Teleshopping **3.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.15 The Darling Buds of May **12.40** Film: Columbo: Agenda for Murder (1990) **2.45** Wycliffe **3.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.55** Foyle's War **8.00** Lewis **10.00** Law & Order: UK **12.00** Wire in the Blood **1.15** Lewis **3.35** May the Best House Win **5.15** The Buses

ITV4

11.40 Monster Carp **12.45** Film: Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **1.45** FYI Daily **1.50** Film: Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **2.30** Tour de France Highlights **3.30** Tour de France Live. **7.00** Fierce 8.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special **9.00** Tour de France Highlights **10.00** An Audience with Billy Connolly **11.10** Film: Crank: High Voltage (2009) **1.20** FYI Daily **12.15** Film: Crank: High Voltage (2009)

E4

11.00 Film: Astro Boy (2009) **12.45** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **1.00** New Girl **2.00** The Goldbergs **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: Fantastic Four (2005) **10.00** Film: Sinister (2012) **12.15** Rude Tube **1.20** Out of 10 Cats **2.10** Gogglebox **3.10** Rude Tube **3.35** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 Earth vs the Flying Saucers (1956)

1.00 Cutthroat Island (1995) **3.20** Johnny English (2003) **5.15** Titanic (1997) **9.00** The Ladykillers (2004) **11.05** Snake Eyes (1998) **1.10** Conspirators of Pleasure (1996) **3.00** Close

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FILM CHOICES**MONDAY****The Killing Game, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

A forensic sculptor whose daughter disappeared years previously receives a series of menacing phone calls from a man claiming to have killed her and announces his intention to strike again. She sets out to expose his identity before another girl dies, and maybe find out where her child is buried. Mystery based on Iris Johansen's novel, starring Laura Prepon and Ty Olsson. (2011)

TUESDAY**A Daughter's Nightmare, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

A grieving widow finds a shoulder to cry on in the form of a charming male nurse, but when her health subsequently begins to fail, her daughter embarks on a dangerous search for the truth about her illness. Drama, starring Emily Osment, Paul Johansson and Victoria Pratt. (2013)



The Sentinel, Friday, BBC1, 11.05pm

WEDNESDAY**Who Killed My Husband?, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

A widowed police officer embarks on a dangerous mission to generate enough income to pay for her daughter's hospital bills, causing her to question how far she is willing to go to save her child. Thriller, starring Andrea Bowen, Yasmine Ball and Jim Thorburn. (2016)

THURSDAY**A Woman Deceived, Channel 5, 3.20pm**

A wealthy young widow marries the man who organised the event at which her husband was killed, and for a while her life seems perfect - until financial concerns begin to create tension. Thriller, starring Ashley Scott, Jay Pickett and Brian Krause. (2017)

FRIDAY**The Sentinel, BBC1, 11.05pm**

A secret service agent is convinced a member of a neo-Nazi militant group has infiltrated the White House. But his attempt to investigate comes to a halt when he is framed for murder and blackmailed over his affair with the president's wife. As he battles to clear his name, his former protege is given the task of bringing him to justice. Spy thriller, starring Michael Douglas and Kiefer Sutherland. (2006)

Duo are taking an emotional trip down memory lane

What are your memories of Diana, Princess of Wales?

Many people will always remember her as the fairytale royal bride arriving at St Paul's Cathedral for her marriage to Prince Charles; or the fun-loving princess dancing the night away with John Travolta at the White House.

Unfortunately, there were also sadder times, as she revealed in a TV interview that she had suffered depression, eating disorders and that "there were three of us in this marriage".

But for her two sons, HRH The Duke of Cambridge and HRH Prince Harry, the world's most photographed woman will always simply be their mischievous mother, whose love of life was infectious – perhaps best shown on their famous family outing to Thorpe Park.

"She was one of the naughtiest parents," Harry admits.

This intimate documentary made by the producers behind ITV's Our Queen at 90 is being shown to

commemorate the 20th year since Diana's tragic death.

It is built around contributions from William and Harry, both of whom talk openly about their mother and pay tribute to the many ways she has influenced their lives.

Back in April, the princes admitted that they failed to talk to each other enough about the death of their mother and that not doing so only made matters worse.

Speaking about the trauma they endured as children when Diana was killed in a car crash in Paris in 1997, the princes urged people to be more open with their emotions.

They acknowledged in a video with the Duchess of Cambridge, released as part of their campaign to tackle mental health in Britain, that they had bottled up their feelings about her death rather than sharing them.

However, judging by this documentary, the two princes are starting to become more comfortable talking about their mother.

Prince Harry says: "This is the first time that the two of us have ever spoken about her as a mother."

In one particularly poignant scene, they are shown leafing through a treasured photograph album put together by Diana and recall some of the most joyful and touching moments from their childhood.

Studying a photo of his mother holding him while pregnant with Harry, William says: "Believe it or not, you and I are both in this photograph, you're in the tummy!"

"She was very informal and really enjoyed the laughter and the fun. But she understood that there was a real life outside of the palace walls."

As well as William and Harry, there are interviews with other key figures in Diana's life, including close friends and family.

The programme also focuses on the princess's contributions to public life, and her extensive charity and humanitarian work in areas including landmines, child bereavement and homelessness.



Diana, Our Mother: Her Life and Legacy, Monday, ITV, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Call the Cleaners
ITV, 8pm

New series. Documentary following the work of extreme cleaners. In London, sisters Yvonne and Angela tackling the dirtiest flat they have ever encountered in nearly 20 years on the job, while Maxine and her daughter Jasmine deal with a hoarder who has 20 years' worth of possessions cluttering his home. In Somerset, Shaun and his team specialise in full house cleanances and they are sorting out a flat for a landlord, but the resident appears not to have thrown anything away in years and rotting household rubbish almost fills the rooms.

TUESDAY
Craft It Yourself
Channel 4, 8pm

Move over Kirstie Allsopp, there's a new breed of crafters on Channel 4. Cake-maker Clemency Green, bespoke furniture-maker Robin Johnson and luxury car-maker and enthusiastic all-round Ant Anstead host this new series, which offers a guide to giving your home a makeover using handcrafted items. Their creations range from the super simple to the hugely ambitious, while there are also mini-makes for those without the budget,

knowhow or patience to take on a big project. In the first episode, the trio revive an unloved dining room using a Cuban theme, as Ant tries his hand at painting tiles, Robin makes a beaded chandelier and Clem learns how to craft her own knife.

WEDNESDAY
The Sweet Makers: A Georgian Treat
BBC2, 8pm

Four modern confectioners use original recipes, equipment and ingredients to recreate the extravagant displays of a Georgian confectionery shop. Guided by food historian Dr Annie Gray and social historian Emma Dabiri, the foursome travel to Bath to experience first-hand the life of confectioners in late 18th and early 19th-century England. The sweet-makers craft everything from towering jellies made from boiled calves feet, glasses of Parmesan ice cream, and a final course featuring an edible landscape.

The Windsors
Channel 4, 10pm
Kate and Wills visit Charles's traditionalist new town, Poundbury in Dorset, where

Charles is unveiling another statue of himself. Pippa ponders whether she should leave her fiancé Johnny, after she learns that he has lost his fortune and has become a pizza delivery man. Meanwhile, Kate runs into old flame Gypsy Ricky, who reminds her they are still married following a traditional gypsy ritual. Will Camilla use this to destroy Kate in her latest plan to grab power? Starring Harry Enfield, Louise Ford and Hugh Skinner.

THURSDAY
Top of the Lake: China Girl
BBC2, 9pm

Director Jane Campion's detective drama returns for a second series – and not only is The Handmaid's Tale star Elisabeth Moss reprising her role as Detective Robin Griffin, she's joined by Nicole Kidman and Gwendoline Christie of Game of Thrones fame. The series sees Robin return to Sydney after four years in New Zealand, ready to throw herself

into her work, but when a suitcase containing the body of a young woman washes up on Bondi Beach, the cop is faced with an investigation that will lead closer to home than she could have imagined. That's because Robin is also privately searching for the daughter she gave up for adoption, the now 17-year-old Mary (Alice Englert), who is as odds with adoptive mum Julia (Kidman) – and in thrall to an older boyfriend with links to a brothel where a sex worker has gone missing.

FRIDAY
Big Brother: Live Final
Channel 5, 9pm

The 18th series of the reality TV favourite (although there are new pretenders to the throne – Love Island, we're looking at you) reaches its climax tonight as the remaining few housemates deemed most popular with voting viewers over the past eight weeks find out who among them will emerge the victor. Emma Willis is, of course, on hand to reveal the result, evicting the finalists one by one (and viewing their best bits), before finally chatting to the winner about their experience in the house. Then it's over to Ryan for a further set of interviews in Bit on the Side. And if you're wondering what to do with your evening's now it's all over, worry not – the Celeb version will be back in a week.

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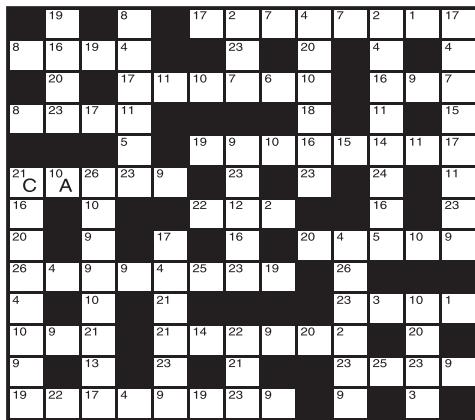


BRAIN GYM

No.439

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	H	S	Y	A	B	D	T	U	G	K	M	Z
14	Q	O	P	L	C	R	E	J	I	F	W	V

Quiz

1. Of whom was the Colossus of Rhodes a statue?
2. Which sport's two forms are the snatch and the clean and jerk?
3. Which element accounts for 70 per cent of the sun?
4. By what familiar name is Alexandra Legge-Bourke known?
5. What is the capital of North Korea?
6. What do the letters VHF stand for?
7. In which age was the Minoan civilization?
8. Who wrote several novels featuring the poet Enderby?
9. As governor of which prison was John Marriott sacked in January 1995?
10. What name did Portuguese dancer Maria do Carmo Miranda da Cunha assume?

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

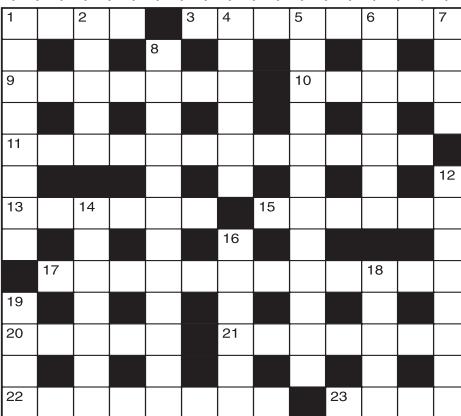
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. See 23 Across
3. Capt Dale could be appeased (8)
9. Small spot allowed to fall first (7)
10. Drop down (5)
11. Spiteful observations about a household pet? (5,7)
13. The end of the calibration should be zero (6)
15. Stick in this position after short notice (6)
17. One who helps you to fill up the form (12)
20. Giving the confection a frosty look! (5)
21. Medical case willing to be tolerant (7)
22. Bestow ecclesiastical honour on, in case there's a Reformation! (8)
- 23 & 1Ac. Bring up the majority right at the back (8)

Down

1. It's handled by an expert in physics (8)
2. Strong porter showing dauntlessness (5)
4. Badly rattle the one mentioned second (6)
5. Instructions written on the tablets! (12)
6. Freight vehicle with the French bed (7)
7. An obligation for tax (4)
8. Be instrumental in using the manual (4,3,5)
12. Saw a tree destroyed by the briny (3,5)
14. Endlessly continue strange sanctifying grace (7)
16. Bolts together (6)
18. Lord or vassal for example discovered in falsehood (5)
19. The last character incorporated a non-corrosive element (4)
21. Warmth (4)



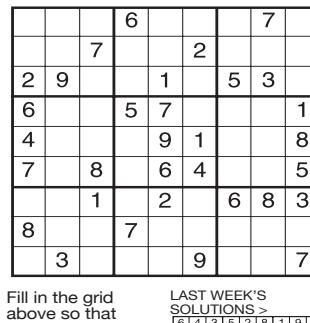
Quick Clues:

Across

Down

1. Renewing (8)
2. Tumbler (5)
4. Area (6)
5. Mass (12)
6. Concentrated (7)
13. Inform (6)
7. Reverberate (4)
15. Assert (6)
17. Accompaniment (12)
20. Start (5)
21. Monkhood (7)
22. Tied up (8)
23. Warmth (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

6	4	3	5	2	8	1	9	7
9	7	1	6	3	4	2	5	8
5	2	8	9	7	1	4	6	3
3	1	9	2	5	6	8	7	4
4	8	5	7	1	3	6	2	9
7	6	2	4	8	9	3	1	5
2	3	4	1	9	5	7	8	6
8	5	7	3	6	2	9	4	1
1	9	6	8	4	7	5	3	2

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Prophet; 7 Strut; 9 Void; 10 Love-all; 12 Under orders; 14 Very well off; 18 Palaver; 19 Drill; 21 Stoole; 22 Reserve. Down: 1 Grave; 2 Option; 3 Let; 4 Attend; 5 Cutlery; 8 Monocle; 11 Deleted; 13 Penalty; 15 Yearly; 16 Forger; 17 Glove; 20 Beg; QUICK - Across: 6 Excerpt; 7 Vixen; 9 Total; 10 Congee; 12 Indifferent; 14 Fundamental; 18 Ecstasy; 19 Scare; 21 Cease; 22 Prosper. Down: 1 Extol; 2 Retain; 3 Ape; 4 Finger; 5 Remains; 8 Confine; 11 Dismiss; 13 Quicken; 15 Detest; 16 Accost; 17 Greed; 20 Dry.

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Green for go at Second City bar

It can often be a real struggle to find a place to unwind and relax when out and about in a busy city centre on a Saturday afternoon. Birmingham always has plenty going with its abundance of shops, restaurants and bars.

So when you stumble across a lovely little venue that helps to remove all the stresses and strains of city life, it's worth pointing out.

The Green Room café is the closest bar and restaurant to the Birmingham Hippodrome. Sitting practically on the doorstep of the second city's top theatre, in The Arcadian, it prides itself on being the perfect place to grab a pre-theatre meal, relax with some interval or post-theatre drinks – or, for people like us, it caters for those who simply fancy a break and something nice to eat.

It was my brother Tom's pre-birthday treat so along with his fiancée, Claire, and my two-year-old daughter, Annabelle, we decided to try somewhere that looked welcoming and not overly fancy. There was just something very friendly about the atmosphere here.

We decided to sit outside in the lovely courtyard-style area. However, in good old British style, the heavens soon opened so we were forced to move indoors. The layout is open plan, with tables and chairs set out for couples, families and large groups.

The food is pretty standard fare but as we found out it's also very tasty – and there's plenty of it.

As we were all sharing two starters, we decided on the marinated olives, homemade hummus and selection of breads, and deep-fried squid with a crispy chilli coating served with alioli dip. The platter came with plenty of warm pittas, and a tomato-based hummus,

The Green Room, close to Birmingham Hippodrome



Veggie delight – served with chips and coleslaw



which contained just enough garlic. The dish was plenty for us to all share and, when mixed with the tangy olives, the combined flavours were a delight. But the showstopper for me was the calamari.

Claire and Tom had just returned from a holiday in Portugal – and being lovers of fried squid, both agreed this was better than anything they'd eaten aboard. Quite a compliment seeing as they'd been staying in a fishing village by the sea. Again, there was a decent portion and when the hot fish was dunked in the alioli, we wished there was more. After Annabelle's homemade

macaroni cheese (with an extra sausage) had been agreed on, we ordered our own mains. I opted for the 'quiche of the day', which turned out to be broccoli and stilton and served with a salad and rustic chips – chunky, soft on the inside and crispy out, they were delicious, and went really well with the light and fluffy quiche, which also had a delightfully crumbly base.

My brother fancied the falafel burger from the specials board and Claire the homemade vegetarian burger, which came with lettuce, beef tomato and relish – as well as chips, of course. Both said their burgers were

very tasty but particularly praised the relish with its tangy taste. Tom thought there was perhaps too much mint in his burger but the plates were empty at the end – even Annabelle enjoyed trying some of it.

As for her children's dish, it was a very large portion for her, so we all dug in. The mac and cheese was simple, but very nice. It also came with a soft drink.

There were plenty of classic desserts to choose from as well as a cream tea for two with tea or filter coffee. Next time you are in the second city, why not go Green? James Driver-Fisher

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With a double glazed window overlooking the rear, the kitchen has a range of wall and base units with granite work surfaces over, an integrated oven and hob, tiled flooring and patio doors opening into conservatory.

In turn, the conservatory has French doors opening onto a decking area and tiled flooring.

Bedroom one has double glazed windows to the front elevation and built-in sliding door wardrobes.

Bedroom two has a double glazed window to the rear elevation, as does bedroom three.

Fitted with vinyl flooring, the bathroom has a double glazed window to the side, a low level WC, pedestal wash hand basin, a panelled bath with shower over and vinyl flooring.

Outside, to the front, the property is approached via a driveway providing off road parking. This is flanked by a lawned area and there is a garage.

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Four bedroom family home / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Large ground floor extension / Garage and driveway with parking for several vehicles £210,000	Well presented three bedroom detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac / Freshly decorated throughout / Good sized private front and rear gardens / Off road parking and a garage £199,950	Three bedroom semi detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac location / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Useful ground floor shower room / Large private rear garden which is not overlooked £190,000	Well presented three bedroom town house / Situated down quiet cul-de-sac / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Set over three storeys / Modern open plan dining kitchen / Top floor master Offers in the Region Of £189,950	Recently refurbished and well presented three bedroom semi detached family home / Spacious lounge and separate dining room / Large utility room Offers in Excess of £185,000	Well presented three bedroom link detached house / Set on popular residential area / Lounge-diner / Private driveway with parking for up to three vehicles / Private two tier rear garden Offers in Excess of £170,000

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Traditional three bedroom semi detached house / NO ONWARD CHAIN & VACANT POSSESSION / Set back from main road / Good sized front lawn & four car driveway / Extended breakfast kitchen to rear £170,000	Three bedroom detached house / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / NHBC guarantee with 3-4 years remaining / Tastefully decorated lounge-diner, dining room, kitchen and bathroom / Off road parking Offers in the Region Of £160,000	Spacious three bedroom semi detached dormer style property / Set on large corner plot / Front, side & rear gardens / Lounge-diner & dining kitchen / Driveway & garage Auction Guide Price £140,000	Well presented traditional three bedroom end terraced house / Undergone Refurbishment / Charming good sized private rear garden / Single garage £140,000	Semi detached character property / Large rear garden ideal for entertaining / Modern breakfast kitchen and bathroom / Two double bedrooms with w/c to the master £140,000	Three bedroom semi detached house / Entrance porch / Open plan kitchen-diner / Shared driveway with access to rear garage / Parking space / Lawn offering further parking Offers in the Region Of £140,000

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Barnard Way CANNOCK 	Longacres HEDNESFORD 	Sandpiper Close HEDNESFORD 	Brooklyn Road HEATH HAYES 	Tower View Road GREAT WYRLEY 	Heath Way HEATH HAYES 
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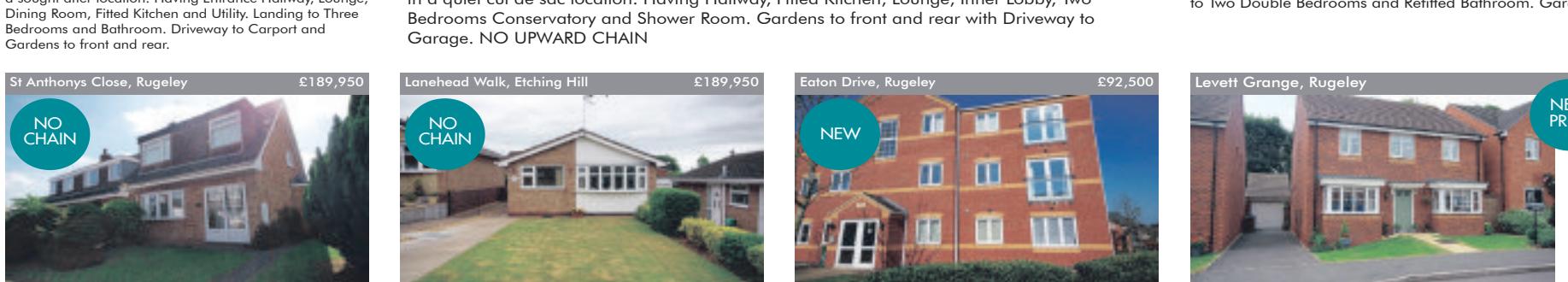
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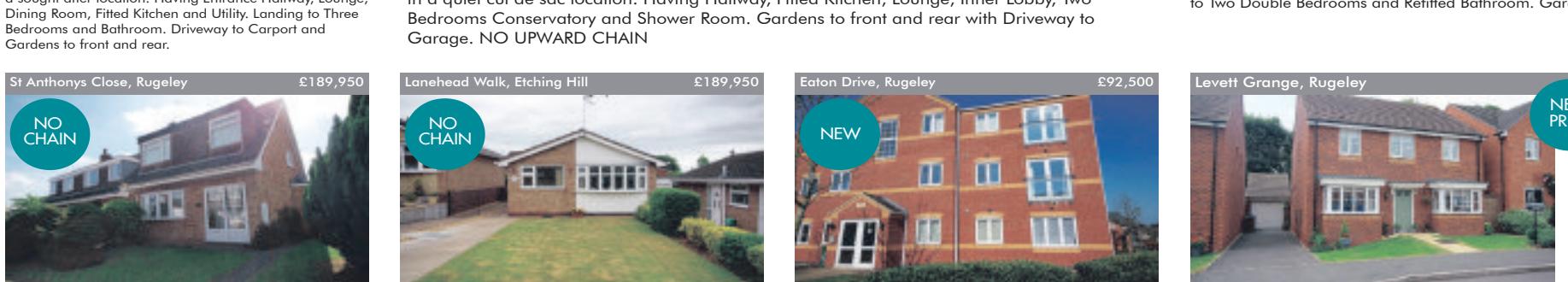
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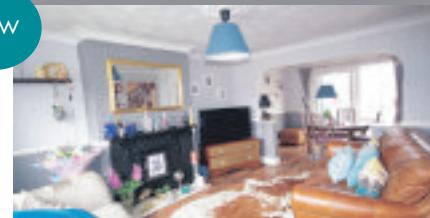
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NEW

£136,950



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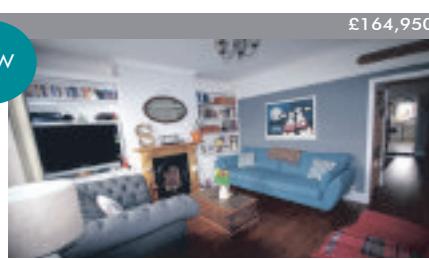


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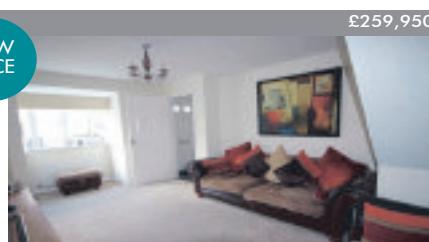
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NEW

£185,000

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£125,000

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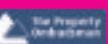
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£175,000

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- Kitchen
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- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- GCH, Garden
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS OR
- £425 pcm

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- One Bed Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating
- C
- NO DSS OR
- £425 pcm

LINDEN VIEW, HEDNESFORD



- One Bed House
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH, DH,
- Garden
- Parking & Garage
- £425 pcm

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- One Bed Flat
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating
- DG, Parking
- Energy Rating C
- £460 pcm

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- Two Bed Mid
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- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Garden, Parking
- Energy Rating D
- £475 pcm

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- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- £525 pcm

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- Two Bed Semi Det
- Receptions
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH, DG
- Gardens, Driveway
- £550 pcm

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- Two Bed Flat
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- Utility, E-Suite
- Bathroom, GCH, DG
- Allocated Parking
- £550 pcm

DARTMOUTH MEWS, CANNOCK



- 2 Bed FF
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Under floor heating
- Double Glazing
- Allocated
- £595 Pcm

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- Three Bed Semi
- Lounge/Diner
- Bathroom
- GCH, DG
- Gardens
- EPC
- £600 pcm

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- Three Bed Mid
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Utility
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Parking to Rear
- Energy Rating D
- £625 pcm

SCHOOL LANE, CHASE TERRACE



- Two Bed
- Downstairs
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Bathroom
- GCH, DG
- Driveway,
- £650 pcm

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- Large
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- GCH, DG
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PHEASANT WAY, HEATH HAYES



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- Lounge, Guest WC
- Bathroom,
- Driveaway,
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- £780 pcm

WHITETHORN CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



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- Kitchen, Conservatory
- Guest WC
- £780 pcm

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- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Conservatory
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- No Upward Chain

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- POA
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- Modern Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

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- Viewing Recommended
- £165,000

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- Extended and Much Improved Bungalow
- Area
- Impressive Conservatory
- Reception Hall & Family Room
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- Attractive Gardens & Parking at Rear
- Viewing Recommended
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- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Built on garage
- ◆ Well stocked gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (63)

£239,950 FREEHOLD**14 BRINDLEY BANK ROAD, RUGELEY****£215,000 FREEHOLD****9 STATION ROAD, PELSELL****£310,000**

A PRESTIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED FOUR BEDROOMED HOUSE Conveniently Located For Facilities at Pelsall Village Centre

- ◆ Two reception rooms
- ◆ Luxury fitted kitchen
- ◆ Cloakroom and first floor study
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom and shower room
- ◆ 2 ensuites
- ◆ Garage and landscaped gardens
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Intruder alarm
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

20 MENDIP ROAD, PYE GREEN**NO CHAIN**

IMPROVED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Position Adjoining Cannock Chase To Rear

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Built on garage
- ◆ Garden
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

£154,950 FREEHOLD**THE BARNs, YEW TREE FARM, POTTAL POOL ROAD, PENKRIDGE**

RANGE OF BARNs FOR CONVERSION TO FIVE RESIDENTIAL UNITS TO PROVIDE TWO TO FOUR BEDROOM RESIDENCES

◆ Total Area 7,700 Sq Ft (717 m²) Gross External Floor Area Approximately
◆ Rural Location
◆ Convenient for access to Cannock, Stafford and Motorway Networks

PRICE £500,000 FREEHOLD**171 STATION ROAD, HEDNESFORD****NO CHAIN**

FIRST FLOOR FLAT IN POPULAR POSITION Convenient For Facilities at Hednesford Centre and For Access to Cannock Chase

- ◆ Entrance lobby
- ◆ Landing
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Bedroom
- ◆ Bathrooms
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

£65,000**6 PACKINGTON MEWS, CANNOCK****£225,000 FREEHOLD**

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities

- ◆ Reception hall and cloakroom
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom and ensuite shower room
- ◆ Garage and gardens
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Heating
- ◆ EPC rating C (78)

'CHADCROFTS', 25 SANDY LANE, CANNOCK**£495,000 FREEHOLD**

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND EXTENDED INDIVIDUAL DETACHED HOUSE OFFERING FLEXIBLE 3/4 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION Located In Much Sought After Shoal Hill Residential Area of the Town in Secluded Private Drive

- ◆ Vestibule and reception hall
- ◆ Lounge, study and snug
- ◆ Fitted kitchen with breakfast area
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom and ensuite shower room
- ◆ Well stocked gardens
- ◆ Two garages
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Heating
- ◆ EPC rating D (59)

**NO CHAIN**

GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED FLAT Conveniently Located For Facilities

- ◆ Enclosed porch
- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Allocated parking space
- ◆ Communal grounds
- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (74)

£84,950 For 90% Share**15 FIELD STREET, CANNOCK**

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Position Close To Facilities

- ◆ Entrance lobby
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ All windows double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (63)

£144,950 FREEHOLD**40 ANSTY DRIVE, HEATH HAYES****£199,950 FREEHOLD**

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED LINKED DETACHED HOUSE Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Conveniently Located For Facilities

- ◆ Entrance lobby
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Refitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Built-on garage
- ◆ Well stocked gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (55)

**£279,950 FREEHOLD**

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE OF CHARACTER Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities at Cannock Town Centre

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Side entrance lobby
- ◆ & utility room
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom and separate toilet
- ◆ Off road parking and well stocked garden
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Heating
- ◆ EPC rating D (56)



WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- ◆ Communal hall, stairs and landing
- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- ◆ Allocated parking space
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (80)

£146,950



Subject to Set-up Fee of £250 inc Vat

No Let - No Fee - No Hidden Extras

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4 HATHERTON HOUSE, PENKRDGE



LET AGREED

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT located in Sought After Area Convenient For Facilities At The Village Centre

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Double glazed
- ◆ Allocated parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating: C (77)

£550pcm

16 BROMLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



LET AGREED

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ UPVC double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating: C (71)

£650pcm

6 STAG PLACE, TEDDLESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRDGE



LET AGREED

ATTRACTIVE THREE STOREY BARN CONVERSION Situated On The Rural Estate Of Teddlesley Park

- ◆ Guests cloakroom
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Refitted en-suite shower room
- ◆ All windows double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: C (75)

£645pcm (Plus Service Charge)

35 GORSEY LANE, CANNOCK



£1400pcm

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Offering Well Equipped Accommodation Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- ◆ Sitting room & living room
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ L-shaped breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Utility room/cloaks room
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ En-suite shower room
- ◆ Extensive parking and garage
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (57)

9A COPPIE CLOSE, CHESLYN HAY



LET AGREED

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW Situated At Head Of Cul-De-Sac In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathrooms
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Landscaped gardens
- ◆ Carport & extensive off road parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (64)

£775pcm

34 BROADMEADOW LANE, GREAT WYRLEY



LET AGREED

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge/dining room
- ◆ Refitted kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ Built-on garage
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Large gardens
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (62)

£625pcm

48 ST JOHNS ROAD, CANNOCK



LET AGREED

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Ground floor WC
- ◆ Three double bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted family bathroom
- ◆ Built-on garage
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets, smokers or children
- ◆ EPC rating: F (35)

£695pcm

17 HIGHFIELD AVENUE, BURNTWOOD



LET AGREED

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge/dining room
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Side verandah
- ◆ Bathroom & separate WC
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: tbc

£695pcm

18 BLACKHAM ROAD, ASHMORE PARK, WEDNESFIELD



LET AGREED

TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- ◆ Lounge & dining area
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Side porch & utility area
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets
- ◆ EPC rating: D (58)

£550pcm

11 VICTORIA TERRACE, NORTH STREET, BRIDGTOWN



LET AGREED

WELL EQUIPPED SPACIOUS SECOND FLOOR FLAT Convenient For Transport Links & Local Facilities

- ◆ Entrance lobby
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathrooms
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Allocated secure parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: C (79)

£525pcm

1 CLOCK MEWS, TEDDLESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRDGE



LET AGREED

SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION Situated On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddlesley Park

- ◆ Fitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Inner hall
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: C (69)

£650pcm (Plus Service Charge)

76 LANGDALE DRIVE, CANNOCK



LET AGREED

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre

- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: C (72)

£695pcm

39 TOWER VIEW ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY



LET AGREED

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT

- ◆ Entrance hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Communal grounds and parking
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- ◆ EPC rating: D (63)

£475pcm

1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD



LET AGREED

WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT Convenient For Local Facilities

- ◆ Entrance lobby
- ◆ Hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Bedroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (67)

£450pcm

4 RICKYARD PLACE, TEDDLESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRDGE



LET AGREED

TWO BEDROOM BARN CONVERSION Located On The Picturesque Country Estate Of Teddlesley Park

- ◆ Open plan lounge/kitchen
- ◆ Landing
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathrooms
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Enclosed foregarden
- ◆ Communal grounds & parking
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: B (82)

£595pcm (Plus Service Charge)

10 SPIRES CROFT, SHARESHILL



LET AGREED

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- ◆ Cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Refitted open plan dining kitchen
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted en-suite shower room
- ◆ Refitted family bathroom
- ◆ Detached double width garage
- ◆ Stocked mature gardens
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (64)

£1300pcm

2 STAG PLACE, TEDDLESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRDGE



LET AGREED

WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION Situated On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddlesley Park

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Enclosed rear terrace
- ◆ Communal grounds & parking
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- ◆ EPC rating: C (71)

£695pcm (Plus Service Charge)

339 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK



UNDER APPLICATION

TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW Located In Sought After Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ UPVC double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Garage
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating: D (61)

£625pcm

50 GLADSTONE ROAD, HEATH HAYES



LET AGREED

WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ UPVC double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating: D (66)

£695pcm

18 KINROSS AVENUE, HEDNESFORD



LET AGREED

WELL APPOINTED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In Sought After Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge & dining area
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite
- ◆ Three further bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating: D (58)

£850pcm

4 BRADBURY COURT, HEDNESFORD



LET AGREED

FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE located In Private Cul-De-Sac

- ◆ Reception hall & cloakroom
- ◆ Lounge & dining room
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Utility room
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room & family bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DD
- ◆ EPC rating D (59)

£825pcm

232 HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK



LET AGREED

WELL EQUIPPED AND PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM MID Mews HOUSE

- ◆ Cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gardens & off road parking to the rear
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers, DSS or sharers
- ◆ EPC rating: tbc

£595pcm

8 RAILWAY STREET, CANNOCK



LET AGREED

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Originally Built In The Popular Inter War Period Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining area
- ◆ Refitted kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted shower room
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: E (52)

£625pcm



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GREAT WYRLEY, WALSALL ROAD

- Detached Dormer Residence
- Generous Living Space
- Double Garage
- No Upward Chain

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Great Wyrley Office - £299,950



CHESLYN HAY, WOODMAN LANE

- Period Style Cottage
- Three Receptions
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Driveway

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Burntwood Office - £299,950



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- En Suite To Master
- Conservatory
- Rural Views To Front Aspect
- Private Cul-De-Sac Location

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Great Wyrley Office - £270,000



CHESLYN HAY, STATION STREET

- Extended Period Semi-Detached Residence
- Renovated To a High Specification
- Built-in 'Neff' Appliances

Burntwood Office - £270,000



BURNTWOOD, SPRINGHILL ROAD

- Traditional Detached
- Two Receptions, Fitted Kitchen
- Utility, Large Conservatory
- Garage, Off Road Parking

Burntwood Office - £235,000



BURNTWOOD, BROWNING ROAD

- Deceptively Spacious
- Two Receptions
- Garage & Carport
- No Upward Chain

Burntwood Office - £229,950



LICHFIELD, KENSINGTON OVAL

- Second Floor Apartment
- Open Style Living Area
- Integrated Appliances
- Security Intercom, Allocated Parking

Burntwood Office - £224,950



LICHFIELD, FRANCIS ROAD

- Detached House
- Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Garage
- No Upward Chain

Great Wyrley Office - £189,950



CHESLYN HAY, MOUNT PLEASANT

- Well Maintained Semi-Detached
- Prime Location
- Refitted Kitchen & Shower Room
- Garage & Driveway

Burntwood Office - £165,000



CANNOCK, HAREBELL CLOSE

- Extended Semi-Detached House
- Lounge/Diner
- Extended Kitchen
- Off Road Parking

Great Wyrley Office - £155,000



GREAT WYRLEY, FAIR OAKS DRIVE

- Great Living Accommodation
- Corner Plot
- Block Paved Drive
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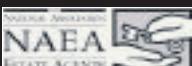
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- Modern Kitchen,
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- Two Double Bedrooms and
- Family Bathroom,
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Parking is provided by allocated space.

\$140,000

HEATH HYES
REDBROOK CLOSE






- Detached Bungalow
- Entrance,
- Refitted Kitchen,
- Spacious Lounge Diner,
- Two Bedrooms
- Refitted Shower Room
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Driveway
- Detached Garage.

\$199,950

GREAT WYRLEY
RAMILIES CRESCENT






- Modern Well Presented Property
- Lounge diner
- Re Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- > Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Block Paved Approach
- Viewing Essential

\$119,950

CANNOCK
CHURCH STREET






- Semi Detached House
- Dining Room,
- Guest WC,
- Lounge into Open-Plan Kitchen,
- Two Bedrooms
- Luxury Shower Room.
- Private Driveway
- Off Road Parking
- Generous Gardens.
- INTERNAL VIEWING STRONGLY

\$140,000

WIMBLEBURY
KEYS PARK ROAD






- Detached House
- Entrance Hallway,
- Study, Guest WC,
- Spacious Refitted Kitchen Diner,
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Refitted Family Bathroom
- Landscaped Rear Gardens and

Offers in Excess of \$305,000

CHESLYN HAY
CHASE AVENUE






- Semi detached Bungalow
- Entrance Hallway,
- Through Lounge Diner,
- Conservatory
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- Bathroom,
- Three Bedrooms
- Dressing Room/Nursery,
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Detached Double Garage

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HUNTINGTON
THISTLE DRIVE



- family Home
- Hallway,
- Lounge Diner,
- Breakfast Kitchen,
- Guest WC,
- Six Bedrooms,
- Family Bathroom, TWO Ensuites.
- Landscaped Gardens,
- Garage, Driveway.
- VIEWING IS ESSENTIAL

\$270,000



BURNTWOOD
RUSHTON ROAD



- Modern New Build
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge Diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- En-Suite Shower
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Viewing Essential

\$195,500



RUGELEY
ARMITAGE ROAD



- WOW Viewing Essential
- Stunning New Build
- Extended Re-Fitted Kitchen
- 4/5 Bedroom Detached
- Show Home Standard
- Two En-Suites
- Landscape Garden
- Driveway
- Garage

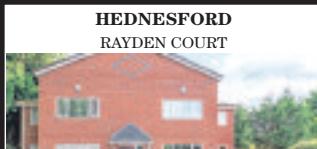
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HEATH HAYES
DENBURY CLOSE

- Link Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Sitting Room/ Bedroom
- Shower Room
- Kitchen Diner

\$199,950



HEDNESFORD
RAYDEN COURT

- Grd Floor Apartment
- Communal Hall
- Open-Plan Lounge
- Dining Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- NO CHAIN

\$75,000



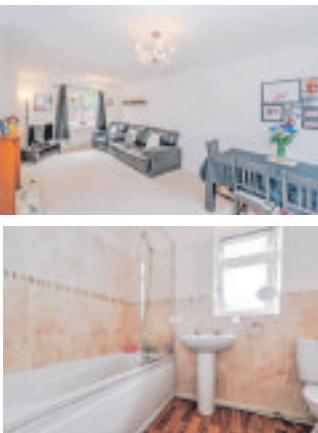
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COPPICE CLOSE

- Semi Detached House
- Three Reception rooms
- Extended Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite Dressing Room
- Refitted Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Garage
- Quiet Cul De Sac
- No Chain

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF \$185,000



CANNOCK
WESTMINSTER ROAD



- Semi Detached
- Through Hallway,
- Lounge Diner,
- Refitted Kitchen,
- Utility Room,
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Family Bathroom.
- Driveway
- Gardens.
- Internal Inspection Essential

\$125,000



HEDNESFORD
LINDEN VIEW



- Extended four bedroom home
- Kitchen Family Room
- Utility Guest W.C.
- En- Suite Shower Room
- Dressing Room
- Integral garage
- , Enclosed Rear Garden
- Viewing Essential

\$190,000



CHURCHBRIDGE
LEACROFT LANE

- Entrance, Lounge, Dining Room w Kitchen.
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Family Bathroom.

\$155,000



HEDNESFORD
CHURCH HILL

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Entrance Hallway, Spacious
- Lounge Diner, Kitchen
- Bathrooms
- Three Bedrooms.

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**WIMBLEBURY
KEYS PARK ROAD**


- Suburb Family Home
- Four Bedroom, Master with ensuite
- Family Bathroom
- Guest WC, Study
- Stunning Kitchen Diner
- Lounge
- Conservatory, Double Garage
- EPC rating D

£305,000

**CANNOCK
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD**


- Much improved Two bedroomed
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- Two reception rooms
- Newly fitted kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Utility/guest wc
- NO CHAIN
- Must be viewed
- EPC rating D

£139,950

**CANNOCK
ST AIDANS ROAD**


- A two bedroom semi detached house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, kitchen/diner
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden to front
- Corner plot
- Enclosed rear garden
- EPC Rating D

£129,950

**HEDNESFORD
ST FRANCIS CLOSE**


- A spacious 4 bedroom detached
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Conservatory, kitchen, utility
- Guest cloakroom
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Family bathroom
- Garden front and rear, garage
- EPC rating D

£264,950

**NORTON CANES
HEDNESFORD ROAD**

- A three bedroom detached
- Large plot of land
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen, bathroom
- Three bedrooms
- Land to rear, stables
- Awaiting EPC rating

£250,000

**HEATH HAYES
FIRECREST CLOSE**


- A spacious four bedroom detached
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen/diner, guest cloakroom
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear, driveway
- Garage, awaiting EPC rating

£259,950

**NORTON CANES
HEDNESFORD ROAD**

- A traditional 3 bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining room
- Breakfast kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Open views to front
- Good sized rear garden
- Awaiting EPC rating

£152,950

**HEATH HAYES
ACORN CLOSE**

- A three bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazed
- Lounge, refitted kitchen/diner
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gardens front and rear
- Off road parking
- Ideal first time buy
- EPC rating C

£134,950

**NORTON CANES
GLASS HOUSE**

- Brand new executive four bedroom
- Individually designed
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, dining, family room
- Kitchen and utility
- Two bedrooms with ensuites
- Guest cloakroom
- Garden front and rear
- Garage

£299,950

**CANNOCK
ST JOHNS CLOSE**

- An individual 4 bedroom detached
- New build, GCH/DG
- Lounge, Kitchen/diner
- Family bathroom
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Enclosed rear garden
- Driveway to fore
- Cannock Centre location
- Viewing highly recommended

£247,500

**CANNOCK
RUMER HILL ROAD**

- A spacious 3 bedroom detached
- Split level lounge/diner, Kitchen/diner
- Guest cloakroom, utility
- Sitting room and conservatory
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear, garage, driveway
- NO CHAIN
- Awaiting EPC rating

£245,000

**HEATH HAYES
BADGERS COURT**

- A two bedroom first floor apartment
- Heating and double glazing
- Lounge/diner
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking
- Ideal first time buy or investment
- EPC rating D

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PROPERTY



Stunning four-bedroom detached house is beautifully presented to show home standards

Presented to show home quality, this stunning four-bedroomed detached house in Canterbury Drive, Rugeley is expected to sell quickly.

An ideal home for a family, it is for sale through Jayman at over £290,000.

Its accommodation briefly comprises four double bedrooms, a utility room, a living room, a study, a conservatory, a family kitchen/diner and an en-suite.

RUGELEY
£290,000

In more detail the entrance hall has tiled flooring, stairs off to the first floor and an under-stairs cupboard.

The living room has a bay window and an electric fire.

The kitchen/diner has high quality fixtures and fittings, matching wall and base units, tiled flooring, tiled

splash backs, an eight-burner ranger cooker, an integrated dishwasher and ceiling spotlights.

To the front there is parking for several vehicles, access to the storage garage and a side access to the rear garden.

The well maintained rear garden has a patio with glass balustrades, a lawned area, two timber sheds and a hot tub with pagoda over.

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Generous corner plot position for this charming bungalow located near shops and amenities

This two-bedrooomed semi-detached bungalow in Meadow Lark Close, Hednesford, is situated on a generous corner plot.

HEDNESFORD
£175,000

In a popular residential area of the town and close to shops, schools and amenities, it is for sale through Flint & Co at £175,000.

Both the kitchen and bathroom have been refitted. It also briefly comprises an entrance hallway with

a storage cupboard, a lounge, a dining area (previously bedroom two), a good sized conservatory, a garden to the rear, a driveway, carport and a side garden.

The kitchen has a range of wall mounted and base units with roll top work surfaces over, incorporating

a sink and drainer, space for a fridge freezer, a built-in gas hob and electric oven with extractor hood over, partial wall tiling, floor tiling and a door to the side.

The lounge has an Adam-style fireplace and wood-effect laminate flooring, which is repeated to the dining room. This also has a patio door to the conservatory.

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Old Penkridge Road, Cannock

- Detached Family Home
- Five Bedrooms & Study
- Two Bathrooms
- Open Plan Kitchen / Dining Room

£455,000

- Living Room & Family Room
- No Upward Chain
- Utility / WC
- Very Desirable Road



Building Plot, Hedgesford Road, Heath Hayes

- Development Opportunity
- Well Regarded Location
- Planning Granted
- Plans Available In Office

£250,000



- Four Detached Homes
- Privately Appointed Plots
- All With Parking
- Motivated Seller



Hatton Road, Cannock

£249,500

- Detached Family Home
- Four Good Size Bedrooms
- Open Fields To The Front
- Two Reception Rooms

- Downstairs WC
- Very Popular Location
- Close To Cannock Chase
- Carport & Garage



Keys Park Road, Wimblebury

Offers Over £230,000

- Detached Family Home
- Three Double BedRooms
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Modern Kitchen & Utility

- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Guest WC
- Large Block Paved Drive
- Must Be Viewed



Short Street, Cannock

£220,000

- Charming Period Style Detached Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Standing On Corner Plot
- Gas Central Heating

- Detached Double Garage
- Delightful Garden
- Viewing Essential
- Double Glazing



Heath Gap Road, Cannock

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two BedRooms
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Dining Kitchen
- Extensive Private Rear Garden
- Very Well Presented
- Utility Area
- Seller Found A House To Buy

£184,950



Primrose Meadow, Heath Hayes

£137,500

- Corner Plot Feature
- Two BedRooms
- Living Room
- Dining Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazed

- Modern Three Bedroom Semi
- Lounge & Kitchen Diner
- No Upward Chain
- South Facing Rear Garden
- Driveway to front & side
- Energy Efficient Solar Panels

£155,000



Bath Road, Cannock

£200,000

- Three BedRooms
- Corner Plot Position
- Wet Room & Bathroom
- Stunning Modern Kitchen
- Two Reception Rooms
- Landscaped Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating System
- EPC - D

£160,000



Pebblemill Close, Cannock

- Spacious Living Room
- Gas Central Heating System
- Landscaped Rear Garden
- Garage & Downstairs WC

£189,950



Barnard Way, Cannock

£87,500

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two BedRooms
- Store Room
- Ideal Buy To Let



Foxtail Way, Wimblebury



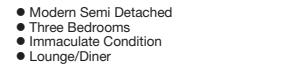
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New Plant Lane, Chase Terrace



Lupin Drive, Huntington



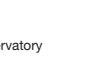
Lupin Drive, Huntington

£41,000

- Modern Second Floor Flat
- Two Double BedRooms
- 40% Shared Ownership
- Generous Accommodation

- Immaculately Presented
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Energy Rating C

£189,950



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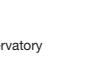


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£189,950

- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Garage
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Popular Location

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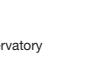


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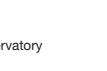


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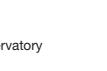


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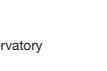


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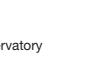


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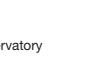


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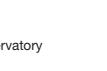


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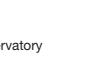


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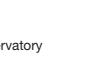


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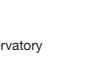


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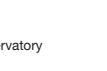


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Kitchen
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Rear Garden
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Rear Garden
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Kitchen
Conservatory
EPC D

Chester Road, Brownhills

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Lounge
Conservatory
Large Rear Garden
EPC C

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Conservatory
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Awaiting EPC

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Conservatory
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- LOUNGE
- DINING ROOM
- KITCHEN
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
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- LOCAL AMENITIES

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Campbell Close, Rugeley

- THREE BEDROOMS
- LOUNGE
- MODERN KITCHEN
- COMMUNAL PARKING TO REAR
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- GARAGE
- SOLD

SOLD
Subject to Contract

Moss Green, Rugeley

- THREE BEDROOMS
- MUCH IMPROVED
- SEPARATE GARAGE
- MODERN KITCHEN
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- MODERN BATHROOM
- LOUNGE/DINER
- IDEAL FIRST PURCHASE
- NO CHAIN

SOLD
Subject to Contract

Harley Close, Rugeley

- FULLY REFURBISHED
- TWO BED BUNGALOW
- DETACHED GARAGE
- CORNER PLOT
- CONSERVATORY
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING

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Rake End, Rugeley

- FOUR BEDROOMS
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- THREE GOOD BEDROOMS
- MODERN BATHROOM

SOLD
Subject to Contract

Shropshire Brook Road, Rugeley

- THREE BEDROOM SEMI
- MODERN KITCHEN
- MODERN BATHROOM
- LOUNGE/DINER
- THREE GOOD BEDROOMS
- GARAGE

SOLD
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The Power to Surprise

MOTORING

New offers on Kia models during the summer months

Kia Motors (UK) Limited has announced its offers available for those looking to buy a Kia in the summer months.

Not only is the Korean car manufacturer continuing to offer customers of the all-new Picanto free insurance for up to one year, but it is extending this offer to the all-new Rio 'Pulse'. Customers aged between 21 and 79, who register their all-new Picanto or all-new Rio 'Pulse' from now to September 30, 2017, can take advantage of free one-year Kia insurance.

All-new Picantos from grade '2' and above are available with 4.9 per cent PCP and a £500 deposit contribution. All-new Rio customers can also benefit from 4.9 per cent PCP with a deposit contribution between £500 and £1,500.

Customers looking to purchase an SUV will benefit from a host of offers on Kia's Sportage or Sorento models. Those who have owned the previous-generation Sportage can receive £500 off the purchase of a new Sportage or Sorento, as part of a loyalty offer. In addition to this, customers who register either model between now and September 30 will receive a three-year Kia Care-3 servicing package free of charge.

Caravan Club members buying a Sorento privately through the Kia dealer network will benefit from



There's free insurance for up to a year on the new Picanto

£1,000 towards Kia accessories. All grades have all-wheel drive, hill-start assist, trailer stability assist, reversing sensors and can haul between 2,000kg and 2,500kg depending on the version, meaning this SUV is a perfect companion for caravanning adventures.

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Ford's Transit Custom gets a bold new design and interior

Ford has revealed the new Transit Custom one-tonne commercial vehicle, delivering bold new design, an all-new interior and enhanced productivity to European businesses. New Transit Custom will be available to order later this year, and is scheduled for customer delivery in early 2018.

Powered by the Dagenham-built Ford EcoBlue 2.0-litre diesel engine, Transit Custom has been re-engineered to offer significant new features and capabilities, including a new ECOnetic variant, delivering improved fuel efficiency and 148 g/km CO₂ emissions.

The UK's best-selling commercial vehicle now sports a bold new front-end design with three-bar Transit grille, a completely new cabin that offers best-in-class stowage, improved comfort and ergonomics, and easy connectivity with SYNC 3 or MyFord Dock options. Further technologies introduced to commercial vehicles for the first time include Intelligent Speed Limiter.

"Transit Custom has been a runaway success since it was introduced, and this new version raises the game once more," said Hans Schep, general manager, Commercial Vehicles, Ford of Europe.

"We have listened carefully to our customers, and delivered a one-tonne van that is even more stylish, even



The UK's best-selling commercial vehicle now has a new design more productive, and packed with smart features."

The new generation Transit Custom sets the scene for Ford's next major commercial vehicle innovation, with the introduction of the zero-emission capable Plug-in Hybrid (PHEV) derivative scheduled for 2019. The PHEV Transit Custom will begin trials with fleet customers in London later this year.

Introduced in late 2012, Transit Custom quickly established itself as Ford's top-selling commercial vehicle

in the UK and across Europe. Total European sales for 2016 were at 118,000 units – a further 15 per cent increase over the previous year's record – with more than 50,000 of those sales in the UK alone. Transit Custom was the first of Ford's expanded all-new Transit line-up to go on sale – later joined by the Transit Courier, Transit Connect and Transit models – and was a key driver in Ford becoming Europe's number one commercial vehicle brand in 2015, a leading position it has held ever since.

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The new Insignia stretches the space between front and rear wheels to the benefit of rear passengers

A classy place to spend hours out on the road

By Ian Donaldson

When it comes to clinching the deal Vauxhall customers wants to see something for their money – and right there in the showroom works best.

So you'll quite likely be popped into the driver's seat of a new Insignia Sports Tourer and be asked to look straight ahead where, if the car has been specced right, you'll feel like a fighter pilot.

For a £290 option brings a head up display that pops speed and sat nav directions directly on the windscreen, in your sightline and saving a distracting glance downward. Audi charges £900 for the same thing, by the way.

Wander round the rear of this new load lugger from Luton and you may find a biggish cardboard box in the boot, its 135 litres capacity being the precise increase in cargo capacity over the old Sport Tourer. It's the sort of obvious, practical demonstration of a car's capabilities that, we're told by the men who know at Vauxhall, that makes people happy to sign on the dotted line.

Very sensible too; you may admire the looks of the new largest estate in the Vauxhall range – even spot its modest growth over the one before – but life with a car that will have to earn its living quickly boils down to practicalities.

The outgoing model wasn't quite practical enough, apparently. Too tight for legroom in the back, for starters. The new one stretches the distance between front and rear wheels to the benefit of rear seat passengers.

They now enjoy enough room for two six-footers to sit comfortably in tandem. Not quite the limo-like stretch of a Skoda Superb, though, which is actually shorter than the new Insignia but in a class of its own in space terms.

The Skoda has the Vauxhall licked on boot room too and so does the VW Passat estate but a perhaps more direct competitor, Ford's Mondeo, is smaller in the luggage bay than the Insignia with back seat up or down.

Whatever the figures show you won't declare the new Vauxhall lacking in stowage space, and worth the £1,500 lift over the Grand Sport hatchback sibling.

The great majority will be heading for life as a

company car and there's surely ample room for all the paraphernalia that goes with it. And at weekends when the family piles on board, the Sports Tourer will swallow all the football kit for the Second XI and still have space for pizzas on the way home.

Prices start at £18,685 for a Design version with a new 1.5 litre 140 horsepower petrol engine.

Not many will go for the entry level trim but Vauxhall thinks the current swing against diesel (warranted or not) might make this petrol model surprisingly popular.

For another £795 you move up to a Design Nav spec, perhaps essential for anyone who needs to know precisely how far away the next business meeting is and when they're going to get there.

You can have a car without sat nav in the next grade up – SRi – but you wonder how many will, with prices from £21,580 for a map enabled (petrol) version.

An SRi 1.6 litre 136 bhp diesel (£23,240) tried over a mixed route on the press launch showed 54mpg at the end in comparison to the 40mpg of the petrol car, which felt less lively too. Both rode well and felt a mostly classy place to while away hours on the road. There are plenty of cubbies and stowage places and a crisp, business-like feel to the way dials are drawn and switches placed.

As befits a car that must appeal to a multitude of company pecking orders, there are plenty of engines to choose from, starting with two versions of the new 1.5 petrol (140 and 165PS) and five diesels in either 1.6 or 2.0 litres capacity and power outputs from 110 to 170PS.

A 2.0 litre petrol with 260 horsepower, automatic gears and all-wheel drive is waiting in the wings but its 199g/km and eye-watering £1,200 first year's road tax are likely to keep it a rare sight. The 112g/km and £160 tax of the cleanest diesel will be a bigger pull in a market where practicalities still count.

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This is a car engineered to provide a comfortable drive

Quirky little compact and affordable funky city car

By Simon Davis

Suzuki's Ignis offers buyers an affordable price tag, a fairly generous amount of standard equipment and respectable fuel economy figures from its peppy little 1.2-litre engine that it shares with the Swift. Then, of course, there are those rather quirky looks, which will no doubt appeal to customers who are in the market for a car that stands out from the crowd.

To look at, the little Suzuki 'compact crossover' combines quite a cutesy face with a rather staunch stance – well, as staunch a stance a car this size can manage, anyway. Regardless of your tastes, it does have the effect of giving the Ignis a far more assertive presence on the road than those of its immediate rivals in the city car class.

Inside, the Ignis is a bit of a let-down, with cheap plastics in the cabin. But then again, this is billed as an affordable city runabout, so to complain about less-than-premium materials being used in the interior rather seems to defeat the whole purpose of the car.

Don't expect to be bowled over by the Ignis's practicality. Sure there is enough room in the cabin for four adults, but don't expect them to be massively comfortable for long journeys. Despite the car's rather tall stance, headroom in the back of the Ignis is tight,



The Ignis offers 260 litres of boot space

and taller passengers will find their heads come in contact with the roof. That said, though, knee room isn't too bad at all. For those with small children (who won't mind being in the back of the car), it's worth mentioning that only the entry-level SZ3 Ignis is available with three seats in the second row.

As far as boot space goes, the Ignis offers 260 litres with the rear seats in place, which is more than enough for a week's worth of food shopping.

The Ignis is only available with one engine – the same 1.2-litre petrol unit that's found in the larger Swift. The four-cylinder engine isn't the most powerful, with only 89bhp on tap, but it does a good enough job of getting the big little city car up to speed. The dash, or stroll in this case, from 0-60mph takes 12 seconds, and in cars that feature the SHVS 'mild hybrid' system and four-wheel drive, this drops to 11.3s.

One of the first things you'll notice is the fact that you sit rather high up. While this does mean visibility out of the sides and back is excellent, it also gives the impression that the car will roll around a bit more in the corners – which it certainly does. This is a car that has been engineered to provide a comfortable ride, rather than one that is all about out-and-out driving dynamics. Don't get us wrong, though – on British roads it deals with lumps, bumps and uneven surfaces in a composed manner, which is a welcome characteristic.

Around town, the Ignis is an ace little car to drive. Its incredibly light controls make tight manoeuvres a doddle, and thanks to incredibly short overhangs, you're never in too much danger of accidentally pranging into anything. SZ-T and SZ5 models also get a standard-fit rear-view camera that makes parking even easier.

Suzuki hasn't left much room to criticise the Ignis as far as value for money is concerned. Base-spec SZ3 models come with standard features such as DAB radio and Bluetooth connectivity, as well as USB connectivity and a CD player that is MP3 compatible.

Moving up the range, the SZ-T gains larger 16-inch alloys, a touchscreen infotainment system that incorporates satellite navigation and a rear parking camera, while the flagship SZ5 gains LED headlights, keyless entry and climate control.

Running costs aren't horrendous, either. Suzuki claims the SZ5 SHVS 4x4 model that we tested can manage a combined fuel economy figure of 60.1mpg. While we didn't quite manage this, we were still able to average around 52mpg during our time with the Ignis.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Highways England Company Limited (Company No. 9346363) intends to make an order on the A5 Trunk Road in the County of Staffordshire, to allow drainage, CCTV, electrical survey and trial pits to locate statutory apparatus works to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to close at different times –
 (1) the westbound and eastbound carriageways of the A5 between its roundabout junction with the A461 Walsall Road and Hall Lane at Muckley Corner, and its junction with the A5195 and the B5011 Chase Road, at Brownhills;

(2) any laybys situated adjacent to the lengths of the A5 described in (1) above; and

(3) prohibit vehicles from entering or leaving the lengths of the A5 trunk road described in (1) above at its junction with any side road.

The work will be carried out overnight between 19:00 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Monday 7 August 2017 and continue for four nights. The layby closures will be in operation from 00:01 hours on 7 August 2017 for the duration of the work. The Order will come into force on Friday 4 August 2017.

Vehicles being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes and vehicles being used in connection with the works will be exempt from the closures and prohibition. Access to properties will be maintained at all times. Diversion routes via the A5195, the A5190 and the A461 and vice versa will be signed. Local diversion routes will also be in place. For further information please contact Purnima Kaul on 0300 470 3140.

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HIGH SPEED RAIL (WEST MIDLANDS - CREWE) BILL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has introduced in the present Session of Parliament a Bill under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:

- The provision of a railway ("the railway") between a junction with Phase One of High Speed 2, near Fradley Wood in Staffordshire, and a junction with the West Coast Main Line near Crewe in Cheshire; and for connected purposes.
- Provision to authorise the nominated undertaker to construct and maintain works, a general description of the nature of which is set out in Schedule 1 to this notice, and to authorise the nominated undertaker to compulsorily acquire or use land in the districts and parishes mentioned in Schedule 1 or Schedule 2.
- Powers for the nominated undertaker to carry out subsidiary works; to carry out landscaping and other works to mitigate adverse effects of the authorised works or for the benefit or protection of land; to undertake diversions of specified overhead electric lines crossing the intended route; to survey or investigate land and protect flora or fauna and provision for the application and modification of certain provisions of Part 7 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 relating to entry onto land in connection with those powers; the supporting or strengthening of buildings, or the replacement, supporting or strengthening of apparatus, within 50 metres of any work, including power to survey buildings and to enter on adjoining property; power to require, or to enter land to carry out, tree works where trees overhang land used for the railway or tree roots encroach on such land; power to discharge water into watercourses or public sewers or drains; temporary interference with specified waterways in connection with the authorised works, including powers to moor barges or other vessels and temporarily to close such waterways to navigation subject to restrictions; the provision of additional capacity for electronic communications apparatus installed under the intended Act; power to carry out noise mitigation works to buildings; power to lay out or improve means of access at locations shown on the deposited plans and, subject to restrictions, at other locations within the limits of deviation or the limits of land to be acquired or used shown on those plans ("the intended Act limits").
- Provision to authorise interference with, or obstruction of, highways, including power for the nominated undertaker to stop up specified highways or parts of highways; powers for Ministers to authorise the stopping up of footpaths or bridleways within the intended Act limits on being satisfied as to the provision of alternative footpaths or bridleways; provision for the creation of public rights of way over specified footpaths and bridleways provided under the Bill; powers for the temporary stopping up, alteration or diversion of highways and other interference with highways for the purposes of constructing the authorised works, including powers to break up all or part of the surface of highways for those purposes (which include breaking up highways in order to place and maintain apparatus) and to use a stopped up highway as a working site; powers to place and maintain apparatus in highways and application of provisions of Part 3 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 relating to major transport works; provision relating to highways which are constructed or altered including the maintenance period for such highways, liability for maintenance and application of sections 116 and 117 of the Transport Act 1968.
- In connection with the construction of the works specified in Schedule 1 to this notice and paragraph 3 above, provision for the stopping up or diversion of the public footpaths and bridleways specified in Schedule 3 to this notice.
- Powers for the compulsory acquisition of lands by the Secretary of State within the intended Act limits in the areas referred to in paragraph 2 above and Schedules 1 and 2 to this notice, including powers for the acquisition of lands within the limits of land to be acquired or used shown on the deposited plans for specified and other purposes; the application, subject to modifications, of Part I of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965, the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 and other compulsory purchase legislation; provision as to the compulsory acquisition of rights in land, including the creation of new rights and the imposition of restrictive covenants and power for the Secretary of State by order to enable rights or restrictive covenants to be acquired or imposed under the Act by specified persons; powers to acquire only the airspace or subsoil of lands and, in specified cases, the restriction of powers of acquisition to only subsoil (being land lying more than 9 metres below the surface of the ground); powers to appropriate or acquire highway subsoil; provision requiring the powers of compulsory acquisition of land to be exercised within 5 years and for the extension of that period subject to the right of an owner or lessee with over 21 years to require his interest to be acquired; provision as to the extinction of private and general rights (including public rights of access) over land within the intended Act limits and special provision as to the extinction of rights of statutory undertakers; provision to exclude the acquisition of rights of way by prescription or user over certain land; provision for the nominated undertaker to take temporary possession of and use land within the intended Act limits and to use specified roads temporarily; provision as to the enforcement of restrictions on land use.
- The lands which may be acquired or used include the canal tow paths and related land set out in Schedule 4 to this notice.
- Disapplication of the Planning Act 2008 in relation to the works authorised by the Bill; provision as to the grant of deemed planning permission for development authorised by the intended Act which is begun within 10 years from its passing or such longer period as may be specified in an order made by the Secretary of State, and the reservation of specified matters for determination by the planning authority; the making of regulations by the Secretary of State specifying local planning authorities qualifying for extended powers in relation to development so authorised; planning conditions requiring approval of specified matters by non-qualifying authorities or approval of those and other specified matters by qualifying authorities; Provision as to the disapplication or modification of provisions of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 including disapplication or modification in relation to specified buildings and structures which may be altered or demolished and provision as to the disapplication or modification of provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 and the National Heritage Act 1983 in the case of works or operations carried out in pursuance of the intended Act.
- Disapplication of enactments and other law relating to burial grounds and provision relating to the removal of remains and monuments; disapplication of section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 and the Planning Act 2008 in relation to overhead lines; determination of appeals under sections 60 and 61 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 and limitation on proceedings in respect of nuisance under section 82 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
- Disapplication or modification of statutory or other controls, including obligations or restrictions relating to consecrated land, enactments relating to commons, town or village greens, open spaces or allotments; tree preservation orders and similar prohibitions in conservation areas; sections 24, 25 and 48A of the Water Resources Act 1991; Regulation 12 of the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016; paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 and paragraph 7 of Schedule 3 to the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and Part 4 of the Eels (England and Wales) Regulations 2009; Part 1 and sections 61, 62, 73 and 74 of the Building Act 1984; the Party Walls Act 1996; sections 141, 167 and 169 of the Highways Act 1980; sections 56, 58, 61, 62, 63, 73A, 74A, 78A, of, and Schedule 3A to, the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991; Part 3 of the Traffic Management Act 2004; orders under section 1, 9 or 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 restricting heavy commercial vehicles; section 12 of the Cheshire County Council Act 1968; section 12, Part 8 and sections 48, 50 and 57 of the Cheshire County Council Act 1980; section 7, 9, 10, 12, 16, 25, 26, Part 7 and section 40 of the Staffordshire Act 1983; provision disapplying liability to community infrastructure levy under Part 11 of the Planning Act 2008 in relation to development authorised by the Bill.

11. Modifications of the functions of the Office of Rail and Road in relation to the railway; disapplication of the licensing regime under section 6 of the Railways Act 1993 in relation to the pre-operational phase of the railway and of provisions of the Railways Act 2005 concerning closure of services arising from the construction or operation of the railway; duty of controllers of railway facilities to co-operate in matters affecting the railway and any such facility not comprised in it, and the determination by arbitration of agreements between such operators and the nominated undertaker; powers for the Secretary of State to transfer statutory functions relating to works on acquired railway land.

- Provision relating to the making, variation and revocation of orders made under section 1, 9 or 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and as to the removal of vehicles from roads in contravention of a traffic regulation order or stopped up under the powers of the Bill; the making of regulations appointing nominated undertakers for the purposes of specified provisions of the intended Act, the extension of provisions relating to permitted development to certain works carried out by statutory undertakers; provisions protecting the interests of specified bodies and persons potentially affected by the intended Act; power for the Secretary of State to make compulsory purchase orders to acquire land for the relocation of displaced undertakings; provision for the application to the Bill of certain agreements relating to the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Act 2017; provision with respect to works carried out by the nominated undertaker for the reinstatement of discontinued or substantially impaired businesses or facilities; provision relating to the enforcement of environmental covenants; power for transport and works orders relating to the authorised works or an extension of the railway to apply certain provisions of the intended Act.
- Miscellaneous and general provisions, including the incorporation of provisions of the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act 1845, provisions relating to the Railways Regulation Acts, increase of penalties under specified provisions of those Acts and the extension to the railway of sections 55 and 56 of the British Transport Commission Act 1949 concerning trespass on railways and throwing of missiles; provision for the resumption of planning permission relating to land on the discontinuance of its development under the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Act 2017 or the Bill and relating to environmental assessment of proposed replacement buildings and provision relating to arbitration and the service of notices.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that as from 21 July Plans and Sections, with a Book of Reference to those Plans, relating to the purposes of the Bill will be deposited for public inspection at the offices and libraries referred to in Parts I and II of Schedule 5 to this Notice.

As from 21 July an Environmental Statement and Non-Technical Summary of that Statement, and copies of the Bill and the Explanatory Notes, will also be available for public inspection at each of the offices and libraries mentioned in Parts I and II of Schedule 5 to this notice and for inspection at the following offices: High Speed Two (HS2) Ltd, 5th Floor, Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT, Tel: 08081 434 434, Email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk, www.gov.uk/hs2.

By 21 July the Bill and Explanatory Notes will be available on the UK Parliament's website at www.parliament.uk. By 19 July the Plans and Sections, Environmental Statement and Non-Technical Summary will be available on the High Speed 2 (HS2) Limited website at www.gov.uk/hs2. By 19 July specialist technical reports relating to the Environmental Statement will also be available at www.gov.uk/hs2.

Any person who wishes to make comments on the Environmental Statement should send them to the Secretary of State for Transport, Freepost HS2 PHASE 2A BILL ES Email: HS2Phase2aBillES@psos.com or before 30 September 2017.

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- An access road (Work No. 2).

Parishes of Fradley and Streethay and Kings Bromley

- A temporary bridge over Pyford Brook (Work No. 3).

Parishes of Kings Bromley and Alrewas

- A diversion of a fuel pipeline (Work No. 4).

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Parish of Kings Bromley

- Access roads (Works Nos. 6, 7A, 7B, 7C and 9A).
- Realignments of Crawley Lane (Works Nos. 6A and 6B).
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- A temporary diversion of the A513 Rugeley Road (Work No. 11).

Parish of Armitage with Handacre

- A temporary bridge (Work No. 12).

Parishes of Armitage with Handacre and Mavesyn Ridware

- A temporary bridge over the River Trent (Work No. 13).

Parish of Mavesyn Ridware

- A diversion of a gas main (Work No. 14).
- A diversion of Pipe Lane (Work No. 15).
- A realignment of Pipe Lane and Common Lane (Work No. 15A).
- Realignments of Uttoxeter Road (Works Nos. 15B and 15C).
- An access road including a bridge over Work No. 1 (Work No. 16).

District of Lichfield, Parishes of Mavesyn Ridware and Colton, Borough of Stafford, Parishes of Colwich, Ingestre and Tixall

- A railway (Work No. 17) including viaducts over Works Nos. 26A, 27 and 28, the Macclesfield to Colwich Line, the Trent and Mersey Canal, the River Trent, Hoo Mill Lane and Ingestre Park Road and bridges over Works Nos. 24, 26, 34, 36 and 45.

District of Lichfield, Parish of Mavesyn Ridware

- A diversion of Uttoxeter Road including a bridge over Work No. 17 (Work No. 18).
- A diversion of Stonyford Lane (Work No. 18A).
- An access road (Work No. 18B).
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- A realignment of Uttoxeter Road and Blithbury Road (Work No. 18D).
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- An access road including a bridge over Work No. 17 (Work No. 19).

Parishes of Mavesyn Ridware and Colton

- A diversion of Blithbury Road including a bridge over Work No. 17 (Work No. 20).

Parish of Mavesyn Ridware

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Parishes of Mavesyn Ridware and Colton

- Diversions of Hadley Gate Lane (Works Nos. 20B and 20C).

Parish of Colton

- A diversion of Blithbury Road (Work No. 20D).
- A bridge over Work No. 17 (Work No. 21).
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- Access roads (Works Nos. 22A and 22B).

Parishes of Colton and Mavesyn Ridware

- An access road (Work No. 23).

Parish of Colton

- A realignment of Newlands Lane (Work No. 24).
- A diversion and a realignment of Moor Lane (Works Nos. 24A and 24B).
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- A diversion of Uttoxeter Road (Work No. 26).
- A road off Work No. 26 (Work No. 26A).
- Access roads (Works Nos. 26B and 28).
- A diversion of Moreton Brook (Work No. 27).
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Borough of Stafford, Parish of Colwich

- A realignment of Bishton Lane and an access road including a bridge over Work No. 17 (Work No. 30).

Borough of Stafford, Parish of Colwich, District of Lichfield, Parish of Colton

- An access road (Work No. 30A).
- An access road (Work No. 30B).
- An access road including a bridge over Work No. 17 (Work No. 31).
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Parishes of Colwich and Ingestre

- A temporary bridge over the River Trent (Work No. 39).

Parish of Colwich

- A temporary bridge over the Trent and Mersey Canal (Work No. 40).

Parishes of Colwich and Ingestre

- A temporary bridge over the River Trent (Work No. 41).

Parish of Ingestre

- A diversion of a gas main (Work No. 42).

Parish of Tixall

- A diversion of Hoo Mill Lane (Work No. 43).

- Realignments of Great Haywood Road (Works Nos. 43A and 43B).

Parishes of Ingestre and Tixall

- A diversion of a fuel pipeline (Work No. 44).

Parish of Ingestre

- An access road (Work No. 45).

Parishes of Ingestre and Tixall

- A diversion of a gas main (Work No. 46).

- A bridge over Work No. 17 (Work No. 47).

Parishes of Ingestre, Tixall, Hopton and Coton, Marston and Stone Rural

- A railway including bridges over Works Nos. 50, 59 and 60 (Work No. 48).

Parish of Tixall

- An access road including a bridge over Work No. 48 (Work No. 49).

- An access road (Work No. 49A).

Parish of Hopton and Coton

- Access roads (Works Nos. 50, 51A, 51B, 53A, 55 and 56A).

- A diversion of the A518 Weston Road including a bridge over Work No. 48 (Work No. 51).

Footpath Hopton and Coton 5 and Footpath Hopton and Coton 24	Permanent with substitution	Parish of Blakenhall	Footpath Blakenhall 17	Permanent with substitution	Parish Clerk, King's Bromley Parish Council, c/o Lichfield Library, The Friary, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS13 6QG
Footpath Hopton and Coton 6	Permanent with substitution		Footpath Blakenhall 9	Permanent with substitution	Parish Clerk, Longdon Parish Council, c/o Rugeley Library, 12 Anson Street, Rugeley, Staffordshire, WS15 2BB
Bridleway Hopton and Coton 12	Permanent with substitution		Bridleway Blakenhall 8	Permanent with substitution	Parish Clerk, Armitage with Handsacre Parish Council, c/o Rugeley Library, 12 Anson Street, Rugeley, Staffordshire, WS15 2BB
Bridleway Hopton and Coton 11	Permanent with substitution		Bridleway Blakenhall 12	Permanent with substitution	Parish Clerk, Hamstall Ridware Parish Council, Cotesfield Farm, Blithbury Road, Hamstall Ridware, Rugeley, WS15 3JJ
Bridleway Hopton and Coton 16	Permanent with substitution		Footpath Blakenhall 6	Temporary	Parish Clerk, Mavesyn Ridware Parish Council, c/o Rugeley Library, 12 Anson Street, Rugeley, Staffordshire, WS15 2BB
Footpath Salt and Enson 6	Temporary		Footpath Blakenhall 7	Permanent with substitution	Parish Clerk, Colton Parish Council, c/o Rugeley Library, 12 Anson Street, Rugeley, Staffordshire, WS15 2BB
Parish of Salt and Enson	Permanent with substitution		Footpath Blakenhall 13	Temporary	Parish Clerk, Brereton and Ravenhill Parish Council, 37 Leofric Close, Kings Bromley, Burton on Trent, DE13 7JP
Parish of Marston	Permanent with substitution		Footpath Blakenhall 11	Permanent with substitution	Parish Clerk, Blithfield Parish Council, c/o Rugeley Library, 12 Anson Street, Rugeley, Staffordshire, WS15 2BB
Footpath Marston 2					Parish Clerk, Colwich Parish Council, Parish Centre, St. Mary's Road, Little Haywood, Staffordshire, ST18 0TX
Footpath Marston 9	Temporary	County of Staffordshire			Parish Clerk, Hixon Parish Council, 79 Sycamore Drive, Hixon, Stafford, ST18 0FB
Footpath Whitgreave 2	Temporary	Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme			Parish Clerk, Ingestre with Tixall Parish Council, 2 The Hanyards, Tixall, Stafford, ST18 0XY
Footpath Stone Rural 28	Permanent with substitution	Parish of Betley	Footpath Betley 29	Temporary	Parish Clerk, Hopton and Coton Parish Council, The Village Hall, Wilmore Hill Lane, ST18 0AW
Bridleway Stone Rural 0.1135	Permanent with substitution	County of Cheshire			Parish Clerk, Salt and Enson Parish Council, 49 Doxey, Stafford, ST16 1EB
Footpath Stone Rural 31	Temporary	Borough of Cheshire East			Chairman, Marston Parish Meeting, Woodhill Farm, Yarlet Lane, Marston, Stafford, ST18 9ST
Footpath Stone Rural 32	Permanent with substitution	Parish of Chorlton	Footpath Chorlton 3	Temporary	Parish Clerk, Creswell Parish Council, 49 Doxey, Stafford, ST16 1EB
Footpath Stone Rural 33	Permanent with substitution		Footpath Chorlton 7	Permanent with substitution	Parish Clerk, Whitgreave Parish Council, Little Acre, Whitgreave Lane, Whitgreave, Staffordshire, ST18 9SP
Byway Open to All Traffic Stone Rural 34	Permanent with substitution		Footpath Chorlton 9	Temporary	Parish Clerk, Stone Rural Parish Council, Council Office, Moddershall, Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 8TG
Footpath Swynnerton 27	Permanent with substitution		Bridleway Chorlton 2	Temporary	Assistant Town Clerk, Business and Finance, Stone Town Council, 15 Station Road, Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 8JP
Footpath Swynnerton 17	Permanent with substitution		Footpath Chorlton 8	Permanent	Parish Clerk, Chebsey Parish Council, c/o Eccleshall Library, 20 High Street, Eccleshall, Staffordshire, ST21 6BZ
Footpath Swynnerton 52	Permanent with substitution		Footpath Chorlton 11	Permanent	Chairman, Swynnerton Parish Council, c/o Stone Library, High Street, Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 8AT
Footpath Swynnerton 53	Temporary	Parishes of Chorlton and Hough	Footpath Chorlton 12	Temporary	Parish Clerk, Chapel and Hill Chorlton Parish Council, c/o Eccleshall Library, 20 High Street, Eccleshall, Staffordshire, ST21 6BZ
Bridleway Swynnerton 54	Permanent	Parish of Hough	Footpath Chorlton 13	Permanent	Parish Clerk, Whitmore Parish Council, "The Old Laundry", Maer, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 5EF
Footpath Swynnerton 15	Permanent with substitution	Parish of Basford	Footpath Chorlton 17	Permanent	Parish Clerk, Madeley Parish Council, The Madeley Centre, New Road, Madeley, Nr Crewe, CW3 9DN
Footpath Swynnerton 9	Temporary		Footpath Chorlton 14	Temporary	Parish Clerk, Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill Parish Council, c/o Crewe Library, Crewe Lifestyle Centre, Moss Square, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 2BB
Footpath Swynnerton 38	Temporary		Footpath Chorlton 3	Permanent with substitution	In Shropshire - Strategic Transport and Contracts Manager - Highways and Transportation, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND
Bridleway Swynnerton 39	Temporary		Footpath Hough 11	Temporary	Business Intelligence Manager - Research and Consultation, Cheshire East Council, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Cheshire, CW11 1HZ
Footpath Swynnerton 58	Temporary		Footpath Basford 6	Temporary	Parish Clerk, Doddington and District Parish Council, 185 Alton Street, Crewe, CW2 7PU
Footpath Swynnerton 10	Permanent with substitution		Footpath Basford 11	Temporary	Parish Clerk, Hough and Chorlton Parish Council, Rose Villa, Foden Avenue, Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent, ST7 2PT
Green Lane G2084	Temporary		Footpath Basford 4	Permanent with substitution	Parish Clerk, Wybunbury Parish Council, c/o Crewe Library, Crewe Lifestyle Centre, Moss Square, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 2BB
Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme			Footpath Basford 3	Permanent with substitution	Parish Clerk, Weston and Basford Parish Council, c/o Crewe Library, Crewe Lifestyle Centre, Moss Square, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 2BB
Parish of Whitmore			Footpath Basford 10	Temporary	Parish Clerk, Weston and Basford Parish Council, c/o Crewe Library, Crewe Lifestyle Centre, Moss Square, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 2BB
Footpath Whitmore 4	Temporary	Town of Sandbach	Footpath Basford 1	Temporary	Parish Clerk, Shavington cum Gresty Parish Council, c/o Crewe Library, Crewe Lifestyle Centre, Moss Square, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 2BB
Green Lane G2085	Temporary		Footpath Basford 5	Permanent	Deputy Town Clerk, Crewe Town Council, 1 Chantry Court, Forge Street, Crewe, CW1 2DL
Byway Open to All Traffic Whitmore 3	Temporary		Footpath Sandbach 46	Temporary	Parish Clerk, Haslington Parish Council, c/o Crewe Library, Crewe Lifestyle Centre, Moss Square, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 2BB
Footpath Whitmore 5	Temporary		Footpath not on definitive map between Foundry Lane and Footpath Sandbach 46	Permanent with substitution	Parish Clerk, Moston Parish Council, Rose Villa, Foden Avenue, Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent, ST7 2PT
Footpath Whitmore 6	Permanent with substitution				Town Clerk, Sandbach Town Council, c/o Sandbach Library, The Commons, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 1FJ
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Footpath Madeley 14	Temporary				Rugeley Library, 12 Anson Street, Rugeley, Staffordshire, WS15 2BB
Footpath Madeley 24	Permanent with substitution				Stafford Library, Shire Hall, Market Street, Stafford, Staffordshire, ST16 2LQ
Footpath Madeley 26	Permanent with substitution				Stone Library, High Street, Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 8AT
Bridleway Madeley 5	Permanent with substitution				Eccleshall Library, 20 High Street, Eccleshall, Staffordshire, ST21 6BZ
Footpath Madeley 28	Temporary				Newcastle Library, Ironmarket, Newcastle-under-Lyme, ST15 1AT
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Footpath Madeley 27	Temporary				Crewe Library, Crewe Lifestyle Centre, Moss Square, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 2BB
Footpath Madeley 53	Temporary				Sandbach Library, The Commons, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 1FJ
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Footpath Madeley 23	Temporary				
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Footpath Checkley cum Wrinehill 8	Permanent with substitution				
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Footpath Checkley cum Wrinehill 9	Permanent with substitution				
Footpath Checkley cum Wrinehill 15	Permanent with substitution				
STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED)					
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Gentleshaw on Tuesday, July
25, 2.30pm.

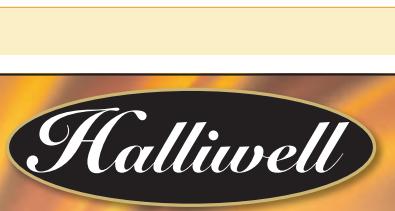
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MARTIN

William Thomas

Bill

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and devoted Father of Jayne
and Allison, loving Grandad
and Great Grandad.

Loved and missed by all his
Family and Friends.

Deep in our hearts you are
fondly remembered, sweet
happy memories cling round
your name.

Those hearts that loved you
with deepest affection always
will love you in death just the
same.

Funeral Service will take
place on Thursday, July 27
at St. Chad's Church,
Chadmoor at 10.00am.

Followed by committal at
Stafford Crematorium.

Family flowers only please.
Donations, if so desired, for
MASE Group and St. Chad's
Church.

O'BRIEN

Patrick
(Pat)

Sadly passed away at home on
July 6, 2017, aged 66 years,
surrounded by his loving
Family.

Funeral Service to take
place on Thursday, July 20,
2017 12pm, at Stafford
Crematorium.

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Giles Hospice and Ronald
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SMITH

Frank

Of Viewfield Avenue,
Hednesford.

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aged 78 years.

Will be sadly missed by Wife
Alice, Daughter Stephanie,
Son-in-law Spencer, Son
Stephen, Daughter-in-law
Andrea and Grandchildren
George and Daisy.

The Funeral Service will
take place at Stafford
Crematorium on Thursday,
July 20, at 3pm.

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Inquiries c/o

Stacey's
Family Funeral Directors
30 Greenheath Road
Hednesford, WS12 4AR
01543 422524

SMITH

Gladys

Of Millpool Road,
Hednesford.

Passed away on July 12, 2017,
aged 92 years.

Will be sadly missed by all
Family and Friends.

Funeral Service will take
place at St Peter's Church,
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28, at 11am, followed by
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in memoriam

GUEST

Kate

29.06.1920 - 21.07.2017.

One year

Dear Mother, and Nan you are
missed so much, your loving
kiss your tender touch.

As each day passes by you will
always be in my memory.

Loving Son Philip, Daughter
Barbara, Son David and
Daughter-in-Law Kath,
Grandchildren Nicola,
Michelle, Stephen and Julian,
Great Grandchildren, Great
Great Grandchildren and
Families.

God bless.
XXX

MIDDLETON

Ann
My Special Lady.
24 July

Three years today
Silent memories keep you
near, as time unfolds another
year.

I think of you always.
Love forever
Barry.

PARKER

Brenda Jean
20 July

God looked around His
garden and found an empty
space. He then looked down
upon the earth and saw your
tired face.

He put His arms around you
and lifted you to rest. Gods
garden must be beautiful He
always takes the best.

He knew you were suffering
He knew you were in pain, He
knew that you would never get
well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting
rough and the hills were hard
to climb, so He closed your
weary eye lids and whispered
peace be thine.

It broke my heart to lose you
but you didn't go alone, for
part of me went with you the
day God called you home.

Miss you loads
Chris.



WILKES

William 22.07.84

Mabel 24.07.99

Mom and Dad

This is a photo of you by my
bedside. I talk to you now and
again. About the happy times
we had, those memories still
remain.

Love Son Bill and Sue.

birthday remembrances

FREEMAN
Dianne
26 July

Your first birthday away from
us. We all miss you so much.
I talk to you to you all the time
mate, you'll never be
forgotten.

Happy Birthday Di.

Love you loads and always
will. Andy, Jamie, Kate and
Sophie.

XXX

birthdays

ALLEN
Kate Elizabeth
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Grandad
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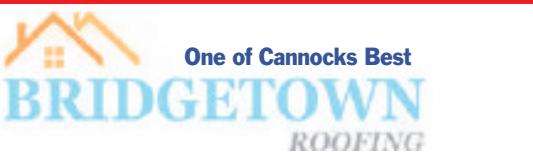


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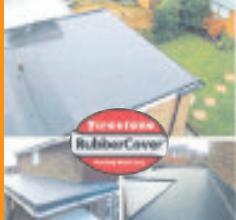
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SNETTERTON was a weekend to remember for the region's British Superbike riders who either made the podium or posted their best ever results.

Hednesford's Kurt Wigley put a disappointing round at Knockhill behind him to post a fantastic eighth and sixth-place finishes.

The 21-year-old is now 15th in the table on 27 points.

Josh Hiatt, 14, who lives just up the road from Wigley in Heath Hayes, also posted his best ever results in the British KTM Cup walking away with a 14th and 11th place finish, to sit 14th in the championship.

Brierley Hill-born Michael Rutter started from third place on the grid in the National Superstock 1000cc championships but lost his place off the line to Chrissy Rouse.

By lap three he had lost another spot to a flying Mason Law but by the 14th the 45-year-old had caught and passed Rouse and, on the final lap, went passed Richard Cooper to cross the line in third spot for another podium, keeping him third in the championship table.



Wolverhampton & Bilston's talented sprinter Ellis Greatrex



Olympic gold medallist Denise Lewis will join the celebrations

Tournament praise handed out to girls

NEARLY 100 girls took part in the finals day at a first-of-its-kind handball tournament in Wolverhampton.

All the schools involved at Aldersley Stadium are part of the Cameron Homes Initiative, three-year programme developed by the house builders. It has provided £45,000 to boost the sport and encourage girls to get involved.

Qualifying tournaments played in the West Midlands, Shropshire, Staffordshire and Derbyshire involved more than 200 girls and provided winners from each region to compete at the finals at under 13 and under 15.

The under-15 tournament provided Newport Girls High School in Shropshire with a clear victory over Bishop Walsh of Sutton Coldfield, with Blessed Robert Sutton of Burton-on-Trent finishing third.

In a dramatic under-13 final, Newport Girls High School scored the winning goal with one minute remaining to beat Arthur Terry School of Aldridge.

Chase pays off as Boro bag Westwood

FORMER Wolverhampton Sporting hotshot Dan Westwood has been snapped up by Stafford Rangers. The Marston Road club ended a year-long chase for the prolific forward following its release from AFC Telford United.

Westwood, aged 26, caught the attention of plenty of non-league clubs with his goalscoring exploits for Sporting, of West Midlands Premier. He smashed 100 goals in just 72 games, and netted 60 last term before jumping up five divisions to join The Bucks in National League North.

The Wolverhampton-based teacher had little game time there and was told he could leave after former Halesowen Town boss Rob Smith was sacked and replaced by ex-Wolves coach Rob Edwards.

Westwood has dropped a division to join Evo-Stik Premier side Boro, who have also signed Bradley Fortnam-Tomlinson and Tommy Cooney. Boss Neil Kitching said: "We have chased him for 12 months."

"As soon as we knew he was leaving Telford, we jumped at the chance to get him in."

Golden girl on track to join anniversary bash

SPORTING FEATURE

By Jamie Brassington

"I am interested to meet some of the old people I used to train with. I don't think many people realise now how good we were."

A former version of the club was based at Molineux in 1914, where a track was located around the pitch.

A decade later, Wolverhampton Athletics Club was formed in 1924. Then it merged with Penn Harriers in 1943 to form Wolverhampton Harriers before moving to its current home in Aldersley in 1956.

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This led Wolverhampton Harriers and Bilston Town Athletic Club merging to form Wolverhampton and Bilston Club.

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The club has a number of upcoming talented athletes who bosses feel could have a successful future.

Hammer-throwing coach Stephen Pearson believes two of those are Phoebe Baggott, 15, and Molly Walsh, 17. Phoebe has previously been a record-breaker during a national tournament involving schools from across the country. At the recent English Schools track & field championships in Birmingham, she reached the final and came third with a throw of 56.32m, ahead of club-mate Molly who was fourth with a distance of 53.15m.

Pearson described them both as having the potential to go onto achieving bright things.

Pearson's son, Benjamin, 23, who has trained at the club, went to the last Commonwealth Games but could not compete due to injury and is still recovering.

Talented teenage sprinter Ellis Greatrex is another one to watch having represented GB at the European Youth Championships. He was also successful in the recent Birmingham contest, winning the 400m in 47.82 secs.

Pearson, who has competed at international level and represented Great Britain, said he was looking forward to meeting some of the club's members with whom he used to train.

"I am interested to meet some of the old people I used to train with," he said.

"I don't think many people realise now how good we were."

The day itself will see members meet at Aldersley Stadium before heading off to WV1 bar for the meal.

And a number of W&B athletes will gather at the race track to run a mile in memory of the late commentator and broadcaster David Coleman, who was honorary club president from 1982-93.

The dinner will be combined the club's track and field presentations which will honour the achievements of its athletes across different competitions.

Tickets

Tickets are yet to go on sale, but will be priced at £15 for adults and £5 for under 20s. Priority will be given to past and present club members.

To reserve tickets call Mary Harding on 07809 645790 or email mary@wolvesandbilstonac.co.uk

The club is hoping to attract new recruits by staging a variety of athletics-based activities during the summer holidays.

They are aimed at six-to-16-year-olds and are being held at Aldersley Stadium, from 9am to 2pm between July 31 and August 4 and from August 14 to 18.

Cost is £30 for the week per person. Contact Tobias Nwenwu on 07445 359546, email Tnwenwu@hotmail.co.uk, ring the stadium direct on 01902 556200 or email www.wolvesandbilston.co.uk

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Pitmen go forging ahead with Smith

Romulus 0 Hednesford Town 1
HEDNESFORD Town made it two friendly wins in succession – and their first clean sheet of close-season – with a second half goal from Lee Smith enough to defeat Romulus.

Smith fired home in the 54th minute after being picked out by Luke Rodgers.

Heath Hayes 2 Chasetown 4
HEATH Hayes' young side put in a creditable performance against a side two divisions higher in front of a crowd of 225.

Jake Lovatt gave Chasetown a 37th minute lead and Chris Baker added a second a minute later. The third came from Will Whieldon before Regan Smith pulled one back. Clayton Johnstone restored the two-goal advantage before another from Hayes from Jack Arrowsmith.

Open for tennis

CHESLYN Hay Tennis Club is organising a Great British Tennis Weekend to introduce new people to the sport this weekend. The Open Day is from 9.30am and 2pm on Saturday. Register at cheslynhaytennis.com, email cheslynhaytennis@live.com or call 07969 829318. An open week follows at Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre from July 24 to 29 with free junior and adult sessions.

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Pitmen in deal to boost community links



George Hounsell (Little Sports Club), Charlie Taylor and general manager Carl Cooper

HEDNESFORD Town have agreed a deal with The Little Sports Club to forge stronger links in the local community.

The In The Community (ITC) partnership will see The Little Sports Club take control of the club's community projects and help support the football club with their youth and academy sides.

Carl Cooper, Hednesford's general manager, said: "With The Little Sports Club I know we will be giving an excellent service to all ages and introducing new activities for everyone to be able to participate in. I am also very pleased to be able to work with our new

sponsors for this season, W&D Reactive, who will be supporting us in the project and helping support the local community."

The Little Sports Club head coach George Hounsell and Cooper have already started planning various programmes and projects.

Hounsell said: "I cannot wait to get this new partnership started."

"We're thankful to various club's partners, which include W&D Reactive, who have already backed the new partnership."

FIRSTS FALTER IN RUN CHASE

ED Martin was the pick of the Cannock bowlers as Cannock hosted Hammerwich at Chase Park.

Wickets fell at regular intervals during the visitors' innings and they ended on 204-8 with Martin taking 3-52.

Cannock's batting faltered in reply on a deteriorating wicket and the run chase never gathered momentum. Number 10 Ryan Elliott ended unbeaten on 37 as the home side were dismissed for 171, losing by 33 runs.

The second XI were never really in the game at Old Wulfrunians, who amassed 303-5 from their 50 overs. Despite a 50 from Mike Chadderton, the visitors fell ended on 210-6.

After being asked to bat first on a bowler-friendly wicket, Cannock thirds were 19-2 when Perkins came to the crease and he promptly hit a magnificent 151, supported by Martin Davies (50) as the visitors posted 288-8. Early wickets came for Ant Wood (3-46) and Ryan Pearce (3-32) and when Matthew Bull took the final wicket in the last over, they had been dismissed for 101 and Cannock had won by 187 runs.

Skittled

Veteran Mark Boden (102) led the way for the fourths with his first club century against Wightwick & Finchfield fourths. Cannock were bowled out for 232, then captain Aaron Saunders took 3-6 and Jamie Fleet 3-14 as the visitors were skittled for 69, giving Cannock a 163-run win.

In the Birmingham League, Penkridge have been sent spinning into the division two relegation zone after an 82-run defeat against promotion-chasing Fordhouses.

Tendai Chisoro top-scored with 59 in a Fordhouses total of 190 with Arslan Shahid taking 4-58. Opening batsman Mohammed Ishaq clubbed 64 in 88 balls in reply but Penkridge were all out for 108.

Kabir Ali (118) and Saqib Akbar (54) boosted C&R Hawks to 277 against leaders Oswestry, but they fell one wicket short.

Daniel Wilks hit 165 in Whittington's 309 against Staffs Clubs League premier division leaders Pelsall. But Pelsall racked up 340-6 to win by 31 runs. Jono Alcock took 3-67.

Nathan Timbrell and Paul McHale shared seven wickets as Rugeley bowed out Springvale for 230. McHale then scored 47, adding to Adam Le Feaver's 98, to see Rugeley home by six wickets. Mohammad Adail claimed 5-8 as Aldridge thirds posted 196 against Armitage. But his side could only muster up 147 in reply, losing by 49 runs.

Family pride in martial arts skills



From left, Mark Wilkes, James Gardiner, Luke Gardiner and Kyle Wilkes

THERE was brotherly love as a martial arts club's youngest student passed his first grading – and his sibling followed suit with his own yellow belt.

Luke and James Gardiner have been training in the Japanese art of aikido for two years and are members of the Black Star club, in Cheslyn Hay. Luke, 10, and James, 12, had already taken two full-day seminars at the club's headquarters in preparation of their first grading.

Meanwhile, a father and son team demon-

strated the ability in empty hand techniques to achieve their orange belt. Mark Wilkes, 46, and Kyle, 25, also demonstrated the traditional seven cuts of the wooden sword.

The Black Star Aikido Organisation is hosting the UK Budo Kamp 2017 Martial Arts International Event on October 14.

Black Star Aikido runs Monday and Friday evenings at The Village Hall, in Pinfold Lane. Enrolment starts on September 4. For further details email info@blackstaraikeido.com

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